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MYLEENE'S A SMASH HIT

Popular TV personality Myleene Klass is gracing the shores of Dover to christen a new cruise-liner.

Ms Klass, a classically trained musician, has been chosen as 'godmother' to one of Carnival Cruise Line's ships and will take part in the official naming ceremony on July 10.

The new 113,000-tonne liner, Carnival Splendor, is the biggest passenger ship to ever sail from Dover cruise port. Its naming ceremony will see Ms Klass smash a bottle of Nyetimber English sparkling wine against the hull instead of the more traditionally used champagne.

This highlights the decision by the Miami-based cruise company to choose Britain as the location for the launch of Carnival Splendor.

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BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER District Council's planning committee has blasted energy giant Ecotricity for its "appalling weak application" for a wind farm at East Langdon.

It also criticised the bad conduct shown by the company and its lack of concern for the local community.

The comments came during a meeting on Thursday last week at which a decision was due to be made on the Ecotricity plans. However, the company lodged an appeal, delaying the process.

Each of the councillors on the committee voiced concerns and it was unanimously decided that had the application come before them, the development would have been refused.

But due to the appeal by the energy firm to the Planning Inspectorate, the local community may now have to wait up to a year to find out whether or not the wind turbines will be built.

The chairman of the Langdon Action Group, Anthony Hyde, and Pamela McIntyre, from Langdon Parish Council, were granted permission to speak about their opposition against the five 120-metre-high turbines.

As well as the detrimental impact the farm would have on the landscape, the speakers mentioned issues surrounding health and safety.

Cllr Nicholas Kenton, cabinet member for environment, waste and planning, said: "It would have been nice if Ecotricity had worked with the planning authority, but instead they refused to give us information."

"They've taken the local voice out of the application and haven't engaged with the community."

Cllr Andrew Richardson, vice-chairman of the planning committee, said: "Rather than taking

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DISPUTE: The legend of King Arthur opened up a selection of historical performances

Historic day as crowds make the most of final festivities

BY MARIJKE COX

WHAT could be the last-
ever Dover Pageant went
ahead on Sunday 100 years
since the first one was held.

Crowds turned up in their masses
to watch the historical story of the
town unfold and pageant master
Mike McFarnell was delighted with
how it turned out.

He said: "It went very well, the
weather was superb and I think
there were more people this year
than ever before."

The hotelier, who is responsible for
a number of events in the town,
including Dover Film Festival, has
organised the pageant since 1983 but
is stepping down from the post.

He said: "The deputy mayor said
how brilliant it was this year and all
the mayors who attended said they
hoped it wouldn't be the last."

"It needs time, though – there's no

need for anybody to rush into a decision
about whether they want to take
over.

"It's a big undertaking – it's
tremendously demanding and I feel
drained at the end, but it's worth it."

The first Dover Pageant was started
by Louis Napoleon Parker in 1908,
but the next one to go ahead was not
until 75 years later in 1983 when Mr
McFarnell started it up again.

This year saw all those involved
dressed in period costumes as they
told the story of Dover through nar-
ration, drama, music and dance.

Mayors from across Kent and East
Sussex were led by the Kent Police
Band from Dover Town Hall to Dover
College's grounds where the pageant
took place.

Performances telling stories
through the ages started at King
Arthur's Court through the period of
Henry VIII and up to 2008, where 43
flags were paraded representing the
Daughters of Dover.

Mr McFarnell said: "It was a bril-
liant day. I do hope it carries on."

'Decision too important for us to rush into'

FROM FRONT PAGE

our concerns seriously, Ecotricity has
gone for an appeal on the grounds of
non-determination.

"We couldn't have made the dead-
line for a decision because of the lack
of information. This is an area of
colossal significance and if the appli-
cants can't understand that, maybe
they should read some history."

A spokesman from Ecotricity said:
"Dover District Council had ample
time to make a decision but refused
to. In our opinion DDC prevaricated
because they preferred this decision
to be made on appeal, which is an
abdication of their responsibility."

The planning committee was also
disappointed that Ecotricity refused
to attend the meeting.

The spokesperson from the energy
firm said: "We felt a six- or seven-hour
drive in order to speak for three min-
utes on an issue that had already
been decided was not just a waste of
time, but pollution for no good reason."

"We are looking forward to this
application receiving a fair hearing
from a more competent body. That's
what appeals are for."

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Are you driven to help others?

DOVER District Volunteer Centre is
looking for drivers to help make life
easier for those who lack mobility.

The transport scheme gives people
without access to a car or who find it
difficult to use public transport a way
of getting to appointments.

Clients pay 45p a mile for the
length of the trip, which goes towards
the driver's costs and administration
for the scheme. Phone 01304 380513.

Be bugged at cliffs

FOR those bonkers about beetles, the
White Cliffs Countryside Project has
organised a walk to look for them.

The event, on Sunday, June 29, at
2pm, will give visitors the chance to
search for beetles and other such
insects that live within the chalk
downs of the Western Heights Local
Nature Reserve.

Organisers ask that people bring
bug bottles, magnifiers or jam jars.

The meeting place is St Martin's
Battery car park on South Military
Road at 2pm.



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Touch of Klass and Splendor at docks

M&S model to be Ship's Godmother at naming ceremony

BY MARIJKE COX

CLASSICAL musician Mylene Klass is coming to Dover for the arrival of the biggest passenger ship to ever visit the port.

The TV personality, also known for her work as a radio presenter, singer, and face of M&S, will become the ship's 'Godmother' and officially name the superliner Carnival Splendor at an event at the Western Docks.

She said: "I am very excited and a little nervous at becoming a 'Ship's Godmother' for the first time, especially when it involves a ship the size of the Carnival Splendor."

"But my family is very connected with ships as my father served in the Merchant Navy."

The naming ceremony, set to take place on July 10, will see Ms Klass smash a bottle of Nyetimber English Sparkling wine against the hull instead of the traditionally used champagne.

This is the first time ever that a ship is being christened with wine instead of a bottle of bubbly.

But Carnival Cruise Lines, the company behind Carnival Splendor, chose to do this to highlight their decision to launch the new cruise ship in Britain.



LUXURY LINER: The Carnival Splendor will weigh anchor at Dover's Western Docks for its naming ceremony

Gerry Cahill, president and chief executive of the Miami-based cruise company, is delighted the liner is coming to Dover and being christened by Ms Klass.

He said: "Mylene is the perfect Godmother to name the Carnival Splendor, with her many talents complementing the many features on the ship, which is already attracting a broad passenger base."

"The British cruise market is growing fast, with more than 1.3 million people taking cruises from the UK last year. This is why we have chosen Britain for our inaugural summer season for Carnival Splendor."

Dover has become the setting for a number of celebrity-filled cruise launches, the last being the MSC Poesia, which saw icon Sophia Loren, tenor Andrea Bocelli and a number of other stars grace the shores of east Kent.

The new ship will head off on a three-day mini-preview cruise to Amsterdam, returning to Dover on July 13, before setting sail to the Baltic countries.

As well as boasting a full selection of restaurants and entertainment, the liner, which carries up to 4,914 passengers, offers a floating spa with a thalassotherapy pool, thermal suite and 17 treatment rooms.



WHEEL POWER: Gwyn Prosser gets on his bike

MP in the saddle for new scheme

MP GWYN Prosser has joined more than 25 of his fellow MPs in an All Party Parliamentary Bike Ride in London.

The event was organised by Cycling England to deliver a new scheme, Bikeability – the cycling proficiency test for the 21st century.

Setting off from the Department of Transport on Tuesday, June 10, the cycling MPs followed a route of cycle lanes and finished up at the Palace of Westminster.

Half way through their journey they took a pit stop outside the Imperial War Museum and were put through their paces by a Bikeability instructor.

Mr Prosser said: "I'm delighted to be taking part and to be given the opportunity to learn how to cycle safely with Bikeability training."

"I hope our annual bike ride will help demonstrate how important cycling is to our health and minimising congestion and pollution in our communities."

Jim Fitzpatrick, Road Safety Minister, said: "It's great to see elected representatives practicing their cycling skills and learning to cycle safely and responsibly by taking part in their Bikeability training."

"We expect 500,000 more children to join them by 2012 as a result of the £140million we have pledged as a Government to cycling."

Phillip Darnton, Chairman of Cycling England, said: "We often look upon our parliamentarians to set a good example to us and what better way than by getting on their bikes?"

Housing group members have say at meeting

RESIDENTS of a leading housing group scheme in Dover have had their say about the quality of services they receive.

The discussions took place during the annual Southern Housing Group conference in Brighton.

Granville Cosier, from Aylesham, and others who live within the housing scheme had the opportunity to share their views with staff as well as taking part in activities.

Representatives from the Service Centre and the contracts team also attended and listened to residents discuss what they think about the Southern Housing Group.

Mr Cosier said: "The conference was very informative but the feedback shared must be followed up from the top down for the exercise to be fully worthwhile."

Guy Collar, Southern Housing Group's Regional Director, said: "Our Group's objective is to ensure that our housing estates and schemes are places where people want to live."

"Events such as this provide us with valuable feedback which we use continuously to improve our services and give customer satisfaction."

Southern Housing Group, founded over 100 years ago, manages 24,000 homes for more than 66,000 residents in the south of England.

Schools facing closure if they fail to achieve new GCSE benchmark

THREE schools in the Dover district could face closure if they fail to improve on exam results.

Castle Community College in Deal, Archers Court Maths and Computing College and Astor College for the Arts, in Dover, are among 638 schools in the country highlighted by the Government as needing improvement.

Of that number, 33 are from Kent and all have less than 30 per cent of pupils achieving five A-C GCSE results, including Maths and English.

At Castle Community College, the percentage of those attaining five good GCSE results is 23 per cent, Astor College for the Arts 23 per cent and Archers Court Maths and Computing College 16 per cent.

Mrs E Hamilton, head teacher at Archers Court, said: "The problem here is that we are in a grammar school selection area."

"If this wasn't the case we would have a much more level playing field. In this school 41 per cent of pupils have special education needs."

"But in 2007 we were the most improved Maths and Computing College in the country. We were also in the top 25 per cent nationally for the Contextual Value Added system."

The £400 million Government plan, called The National Challenge, will require all secondary schools in England to have achieved the GCSE benchmark within three years.

The scheme, launched on Tuesday by Schools Secretary, Ed Balls, will offer help to those threatened with closure, including extra funding, expert advice, mentoring from head teachers and assistance from high-achieving local schools.

There will be a 50-day period for local authorities to produce a rescue plan to improve schools in their area, but if they fail there is a threat of closures, or they could reopen as an Academy with another school.

KCC cabinet member for children, families and educational achievement, Chris Wells, said: "The last set of targets to be set by government in this area was achieved by Kent schools with a year to spare."

"We are expecting enormous progress in achieving the latest targets with this summer's results."

The head teachers from Castle Community College and Astor College for the Arts were unavailable for comment.

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Could this be last dance for band?

ORGANISERS behind the Frontline Dover weekend have received a cash boost from the county council.

The grant of £2,000 will go towards entertainment for the free event, which is to take place on the weekend of June 14-15 in Pencester Gardens.

The Hellfire Corner Association, which organises the popular event, says that it would like to thank councillors Bill Newman and Gordon Cowan for the contribution.

Throughout the weekend, a host of live entertainment will be put on for visitors and on the Saturday evening the Big Band dance will be entertaining lovers of 40s music in Dover Town Hall.

However, because of financial difficulties, organisers fear that it may be the last and are urging people to come along and enjoy what could be the final dance at the annual Frontline Dover event.

Tickets are £19.50 each which includes a buffet. To book, phone Sue on 07972 194745.

Safety first for community day

A COMMUNITY safety day is being held at Pencester Gardens with demonstrations from Kent's emergency services.

Police officers, Kent Fire and Rescue and representatives from voluntary organisations will be putting on displays to demonstrate their jobs.

The free event, organised by Dover Community Safety Partnership, is on July 19 from 11am to 4pm.

The partnership is made up of a number of agencies, including Dover District Council, Kent County Council, the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT and HM Customs and Excise.

Kent Fire Brigade, Kent Probation, East Kent Young Offenders Service and the Kent Drug Action Team are also involved.

Why TV's Peter just loves castle

BY MARIJKE COX

BROADCASTER Peter Snow has chosen Dover Castle as his favourite place on an episode of a new series for The History Channel.

The show, My Favourite Place, follows the history fan around the castle as he describes its history and the reasons for choosing it as his preferred site.

In the programme, he refers to the landmark as the "mightiest fortress in Western Europe".

He said: "No other castle in England can match its extraordinary 800-year-old service."

"Today, Dover Castle dominates the town's skyline. It's enormous, indestructible and immaculately preserved."

He looks at key events, including the 1216 siege when Britain was under threat from French invasion and Operation Dynamo in 1940 when it became a nerve centre for the

biggest rescue operation in British history. He said "I've seen a lot of castles in my time, but none as stirring as this one."

"For 800 years Dover Castle has glowered across the sea at any would-be invader."

Chris Pascall, visitor operations manager at Dover Castle, said: "It is fantastic that Peter Snow has said this is his favourite site."

"Of course, we are always prejudiced so it's nice when someone else sees what we do."

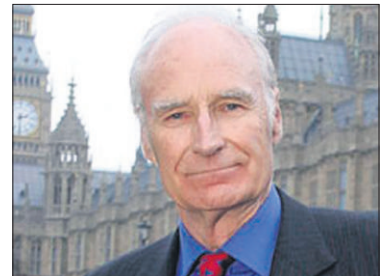
"He is a recognised authority on historical events and happenings so his endorsement is doubly welcome."

"When he visited us people were stopping him around the site and asking him questions and debating his latest book with him - it was quite amazing."

"It was brilliant to have The History Channel here because it helps us reach a wider audience and helps to remind us all of the huge part history plays in the definition of us as a nation."

Each of the six episodes of the series follows a celebrity presenter around their chosen site.

Former Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq,



STIRRING STUFF: Broadcaster Peter Snow believes that Dover Castle is the mightiest fortress in Western Europe

interior designer Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and comedian Bill Bailey also feature in the series, which airs on Thursdays at 8pm.

For further information about Dover Castle or to see the programme of events for 2008 visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/dovercastle.

SOLO SAIL DELAYED FOR A WEEK



A quadriplegic sailor has been forced to delay her record-breaking attempt because of problems with her boat.

Hilary Lister, 35, was intending to set sail from Dover early on Monday to start her solo journey around Britain.

But because of technical problems and for safety reasons the attempt has been delayed until Monday.

Ms Lister, who can only move her head, uses a 'sip and puff' system to control her yacht and has sailed solo across the English Channel.

Project manager Toby May said: "We always knew we would be pushing the boundaries of the technical capabilities of the Armetis 20 and its electric control systems."

"Although we believe we have now sorted out most of the problems, due to the time this has taken, we have not been able to spend as much time on the water as we need to."

"We have reluctantly taken the decision to defer the start for one."

A time is yet to be set for Monday's effort but will be posted on www.hilarylister.com.

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UNDERGROUND: Is the iconic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang hidden, buried in the grounds of Higham Court?

Legend behind car waiting to be unearthed

BY NICK AMES

EVERY film fan knows flying car Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a "fine four-fendered friend" – but is one of the real life vehicles which bore the famous name lying hidden below ground on a country estate, lost for more than 80 years?

Several cars bearing the famous name were constructed by Count Louis Zborowski, a millionaire racing driver who owned Higham Court, near Bridge, during the 1920s.

The man who started the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch railway, he also inspired Ian Fleming to write the original book on which the hit movie was based – as the James Bond author lived a few miles away in St Margaret's Bay and became fascinated by the story when he was a guest at the house in later years.

The noise the cars' powerful engines made – they could be heard starting up in Canterbury – inspired their name, along with a First World War popular song about soldiers looking for women while on leave.

Forty years on from the original movie a two disc dvd version has just been released – amidst fresh interest in the bizarre real life cars which were powered by aircraft engines and could reach an amazing 170 mph.

And reports of a "missing Chitty" buried somewhere in the grounds of Higham Court continue to fascinate car enthusiasts.

The story goes that friends of the eccentric Count buried it after his death at the wheel of a Mercedes during the Italian Grand Prix in Monza in 1924.

John Richardson runs a website devoted to the vehicles in fact and fiction.

He said: "There has never been a film quite like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – it's a classic. The flying car has been copied since – Harry Potter for instance – but the magic

has never been recreated. As for the legend of the missing car – that's a great story."

Of the vehicles created by the Count, it is known that Chitty I was broken up after being bought by the sons of Sherlock Holmes author Arthur Conan Doyle.

Chitty II was sold to an American collector and went on show at a museum in Cleveland, Ohio, although it has been exhibited at the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, Hampshire. Count Zborowski once drove it into the Sahara Desert before it was first sold to a motor dealer named Bill Hollis from Temple Ewell, near Dover.

But what happened to numbers III and IV is less certain, with no definitive facts about their fate agreed upon.

Excavation

Previous owners of Higham Court have kept the story of the hidden car alive and one in particular spent years trying to locate it. At one stage the BBC's Time Team expressed interest in a large scale excavation programme but nothing came of the plan.

The property is now believed to be in the hands of owners from overseas and any current exploration of the grounds is unknown.

Historian Reginald Moate from Herne Bay has a family stake in the whole saga and has followed the history of the cars closely.

He explained: "My father, Reginald, actually ordered the parts which were used to build Chitty I. The Count had been building racing cars and had a whole fleet of them.

"But the work became too much and some was undertaken by a Canterbury company called Bligh Brothers – which my father worked for.

"The previous owners of Higham Court were very interested in the story of the lost car and they asked me about it. To my mind it is just a rumour and to find it – if it's there – would be hugely difficult.

"The grounds of the estate are huge and you would have to cover every inch with a metal detector. It's a nice thought that there is one of the cars hidden waiting to be found, but at the moment it is still a rumour."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Feast of multi-cultural sights and sounds

DOVER town centre is getting ready for the annual multi-cultural festival.

Artists and performers from different cultures will be performing in Market Square, with commentary from former broadcaster and Kent Police media officer Jon Green.

The event is on Saturday, June 21, from 11am-4.15pm, with performances from Whitstable Samba Band, drumming from Jambo Africa and Rough Musicke from Sandwich.

Chinese ribbon dancing, a brass band from Nonington and singing by Gurkha children will also be enjoyed.

The festival, which has run for the past eight years, is organised by Kent Refugee Action Network, together with a number of local groups and organisations.

The Rev Kenneth Berkin, from the network, said: "This really does promise to be a fantastic day for all the family."

Entrance is free, but there will be a voluntary collection for the Chinese Earthquake Appeal.

Catamaran purchase possible with £10m

SPEEDFERRIES has received a £10 million cash boost from Bank of Scotland Corporate to help with the purchase of its catamaran.

The fast-ferry operator has been leasing the 86-metre boat for the past four years, but now, with funds from the bank, the company can buy the £13.5 million SpeedOne ferry.

Allan Shilling, director of commercial business for Bank of Scotland Corporate in Kent, said: "SpeedFerries has had tremendous success since it shook up the market in 2004 with its low-cost crossing model.

"We were only too happy to help fund the purchase of SpeedOne."

Make Dad's day with a visit to the lighthouse

TREAT your dad this Father's Day with a trip to South Foreland lighthouse on the White Cliffs of Dover.

All fathers accompanied by a child get free entry and the opportunity to explore the historic site between 11am-3.30pm on Sunday.

The lighthouse is the setting for much of Michael Faraday's work with electricity and was used by Guglielmo Marconi for his successful wireless telegraphy experiments.

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The kitchen is headed up by Chris Hall (culinary supremo of the former Bay Leaf Restaurant in St. Margaret's), who brings his own brand of creative modern cooking to proceedings. A passion for 'local, free-range, organic and sustainable' ingredients underpins his efforts and it shows in his seasonal larder: here you will find Kentish asparagus, Romney Marsh lamb, St Margaret's Bay lobster and other fish from the coast. Among the vivid modern dishes on offer might be line-caught mackerel fillets with sun-dried tomatoes and fennel seeds, Sussex goats' cheese fritters with beetroot pickle, organic pork with mustard mash, caramelised pears and apples, and desserts such as custard tart with rhubarb & Kentish strawberries with balsamic ice cream.

The Bay Restaurant at The White Cliffs is a piece of paradise! It had just opened and yet we felt like we had been welcomed as long standing friends. The place is peaceful yet sophisticated in its design and style. It had a magical garden, fantastic locally sourced food. The staff were fantastic. It feels like you are part of a special exclusive club yet is not expensive & the bar drinks were really affordable. Go and find out for yourselves - you won't be disappointed!

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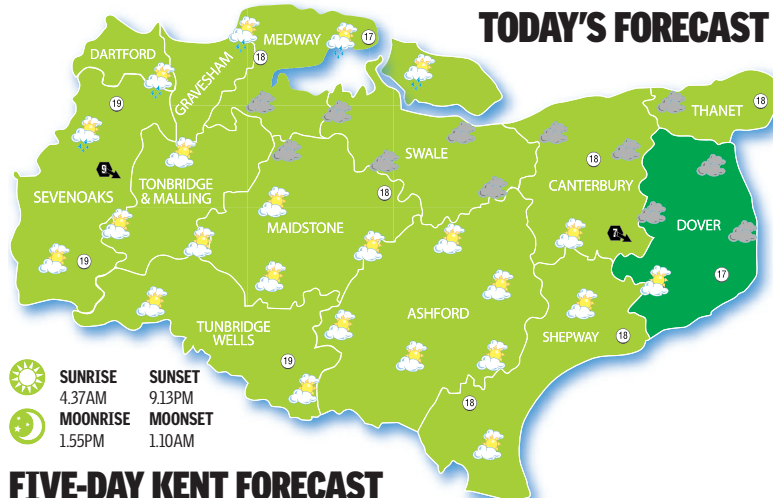
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Dover	Saturday	6:57am	5.5m
	Sunday	8:00am	5.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:44am	6.0m
	Sunday	7:48am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	7:27am	4.1m
	Sunday	8:30am	4.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:18am	5.0m
	Sunday	9:21am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:23am	4.6m
	Sunday	9:27am	4.6m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	26°C	New York	33°C
Barcelona	21°C	Paris	26°C
Beijing	28°C	Rome	23°C
Bombay	26°C	Sydney	17°C
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Passport interviews 'won't stop fraudsters'

MORE than 530 people have been interviewed for a passport at Dover's Passport and Identity office since new legislation came in.

The interviews, introduced last October, are a new part of the application process, aiming to protect an individual's identity.

So far, only those applying for a passport for the first time need to be interviewed but campaign group, NO2ID, believe in a few years this will apply to everyone.

The group, formed in 2004, actively protests against Government plans for ID Cards, the first of which will be introduced in 2009.

Passport interviews are being carried out as part of the preparation for the Identity Card Database, which will eventually hold everyone's personal information.

But the Dover-based group believes the interrogation process is a "waste of time" as not a single fraudster has been detected out of 38,391 people interviewed so far.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith revealed each consultation will cost an average of £74, paid for in higher passport fees which have quadrupled to £72 since 1997 when they were £18.

Expensive

Ian Taylor, Dover co-ordinator for NO2ID, said: "These passport interviews are an expensive waste of everybody's time. If both you and the passport officials can answer all the questions, then so will a determined fraudster."

"So far, only first-time passport applicants are affected. So if you already have a passport, and it runs out in the next few years, it's worth renewing now before these interrogations apply to you."

Due to the introduction of the new system, the Identity and Passport Service are warning people to submit applications six weeks before needing them and to put off booking any travel until receipt.

Mr Taylor said: "You could miss your holiday because of the delay of the new system."

Campaigners from Dover NO2ID are asking people who have been through the interview process to email them at dover@no2id.net.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q How did you come to be involved in the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust?

A I have been chief executive of the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT since it formed in October 2006.

PCTs assess people's health needs, then plan and purchase services to meet them. This PCT has £1.22 billion to spend on the health needs of 710,000 people, covering Dover, Deal, Thanet, Canterbury, Swale, Ashford and Shepway.

After 25 years in a variety of posts within the NHS, I became chief executive of the Shepway PCT, one of the former PCTs which joined together to become the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT. When I had the opportunity to apply for the post of chief executive for this new PCT – the sixth largest in the country – I grasped the challenge. It was the natural thing to do.

Having been so involved in improving health care for local people in the Shepway area, I wanted to spread the best of those ideas, and the best of the work of the other former PCTs in the area, across the whole patch.

Q What is your favourite thing about being the chief executive?

A My board, executive team and I have a real opportunity to improve the health and well-being of both communities and individuals in this area.

Every day we see examples of where we have made a difference to someone's life, and frequently receive very positive feedback.

I have a fantastic team to work with. My colleagues on the clinical executive team are a tower of strength to us in decision-making. Their wealth of experience working directly with patients on a daily basis is invaluable.

I am a strong believer in partnership working and I enjoy working with my colleagues in other local NHS organisations, social services and other bodies (such as district councils) to find joint solutions for improving the health of local people.

I believe that we have found some effective ways of involving local people in making decisions about health and health care. Historically the NHS hasn't been very good at listening to local people.

However, I am not complacent and I know we still need to strive to be even better at this.

Q What is the hardest part of the job?

A From talking to local people through 'road-shows' we know what matters to them.

We have made significant improvements in things such as waiting times, and continue to drive improvements around quality and safety and improving the all-round patient experience.

The biggest challenge now is to continue to drive up these standards, at the same time as moving the local NHS into a system that predicts and prevents illness, rather than just treating it, and to improve the quality of life and life expectancy of all our residents.

Q What do you think are the main concerns of the people of Dover when it comes to health matters?

A The people of Dover want a modern health service delivered from modern buildings and we are working with partners in the hospital trust, local GPs, the council and other partners to achieve this. Wherever safe and feasible to do so, we are working to give Dover people access to services locally – transport to health facilities is a concern we often hear voiced.

Q What can the primary care trust do to improve this?

A By finding a way to provide as many commonly used/routine services in Dover, as close to people's homes as possible. That may be in a person's usual place of residence (for example, home or care home) wherever that is practical, or it might be in their GP surgery or in a purpose-built centre. We need to work with other agencies such as the local council and transport companies to make it easier for people to visit family and friends in hospital if they do have to be admitted to an acute hospital in another town in east Kent.

Q Can you tell me a little bit about what you do in your spare time?

A I am lucky enough to be able to enjoy a good work-life balance. In my spare time I really enjoy walking and swimming, and spending time with my family and friends. My garden is very important to me, although I don't get to spend as much time in it as I would like to.

The chief executive of Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust talks to **Marijke Cox** about her desire to improve the health care of residents and the need for involving people in decision-making



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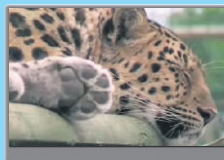
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The passionate heart Dickens kept hidden

BY NICK AMES

AN INVESTIGATION into the double life of world-renowned author Charles Dickens is set to shock fans who regard him as the outstanding example of Victorian English virtue.

A Channel 4 drama-documentary filmed in Medway and Thanet is set to reveal the man who penned such classics as *Great Expectations*, *A Christmas Carol* and *A Tale of Two Cities* ripped his family apart during a 13-year affair with an actress.

The programme will suggest during this time he fathered two illegitimate children who died at a young age.

Acclaimed actor David Haig portrays the author, with Hollywood star Amy Shiels as his mistress Ellen Ternan - known as Nelly.

The programme - filmed at Dickens' Swiss chalet in Rochester and Margate's Theatre Royal - will be screened at 9pm on Monday.

It is part of a series called *Victorian Passions* which lifts the lid on a so-called era of respectability.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "The very symbol of Victorian virtue in public, for 13 years Charles Dickens conducted a secret love affair with an actress, possibly fathering two children who died in infancy.

"Attempts to conceal the affair involved a frantic double life with complex financial arrangements, networks of safe houses and bonfires of private letters and papers.

"It also entailed a series of ruthless acts which caused misery and irreparable rifts in his family. The programme revisits locations



SECRET AFFAIR: David Haig portrays Charles Dickens and Amy Shiels is Ellen Ternan in Channel 4's drama-documentary about their 13-year affair. Inset: Haig gives a reading as Dickens.

where Dickens conducted his romance in near total secrecy, piecing together evidence that testifies to the couple's love.

"Interviews with experts, aficionados and descendants of the great man explore the effect the affair had on Dickens and his legacy."

The programme is presented by Charles Dance, who recently appeared in the BBC's acclaimed production of Dickens' *Bleak House*.

He takes the role of a detective questioning experts on how the relationship which betrayed his wife Catherine - from whom he eventually

separated - affected his writing and public personality.

Key scenes are dramatised to give the viewer greater understanding of those involved.

The programme was filmed on location at Dickens' Swiss chalet, which is now in the grounds of Eastgate House, Rochester.

It was originally in the garden of his home in Gad's Hill, just outside the city, and was the scene of much of his writing.

The Theatre Royal was chosen as the crew wanted to use locations Dickens was passionate about and he frequently held readings of his work there.

Desk sells well above Expectation



A CHAIR and desk believed to have been used by Charles Dickens when he wrote *Great Expectations* at his home in Gad's Hill near Rochester have been sold for £433,250 at auction.

The items were expected to sell for between £50,000 and £80,000 at Christie's auctioneers in London.

But competition was extremely intense for the items donated to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital by a family relative of the author.

Irish collector Tom Higgins will now take the historic furniture back to his home in County Wicklow.

The mahogany desk bears a bronze plaque which carries Dickens' name.

Along with the walnut chair, it was passed down to the author's great-great-grandson, Christopher Charles Dickens. When he died in 1999, his wife Jeanne-Marie donated both items to Great Ormond Street.

"Dickens was a champion of the poor and needy and an enthusiastic patron of Great Ormond Street Hospital in its early days," she said.

"I felt that it was Charles's wish and it is an honour for me to fulfil this wish."

Mr Higgins said: "I'm a big Dickens fan, I always have been. It's an important piece of literary history."

Dickens was one of Great Ormond Street's first patrons and spoke at its first fund-raising dinner in 1858.

A hospital spokesman said: "Money raised from the sale will help rebuild and refurbish the hospital, buy equipment and fund research."

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Bob to bring his unique comedy to our airwaves

BY SIMON ROBINSON

SURREAL comic Bob Mortimer will take to the airwaves on Saturday as a guest host for BBC Radio Kent.

The acclaimed performer, who dominated the early 90s' TV comedy schedules with partner-in-crime Vic Reeves, will cover for regular host Pat Marsh, who is on leave.

The former Shooting Stars presenter said he was looking forward to his three-hour slot, having grown up with the wireless.

He said: "I fell in love with radio when I was young – it was the only way you could listen to songs your parents didn't approve of."

"I used to put a transistor, a tranny, under my pillow in my bedroom and that's what has always made radio a bit magic for me."



SHOOTING STARS: Bob Mortimer, right, with his comedy pal Vic Reeves

"I like talking to people on the radio because they are not physically near you and so you can say what you want without fear of attack or disease." Having lived in the county for

10 years, Bob said he's grown to love the Garden of England and has even adopted Kent as his second home.

He said: "I like Kent for the very obvious reasons; it's very pretty and the weather is a lot nicer than up north where I am from."

"I have lived in several places in Kent and also filmed all over the county, and we've always had a warm welcome from people in Kent, I've never had difficulties with people."

"It feels very English to me, Kent, and I am very much an Englishman in that Morrissey sense."

Welcoming the new boy, Radio Kent's managing editor Paul Leaper said: "With a love of radio and a unique take on the world, we're really pleased he's taking over the BBC Radio Kent airwaves on Kent's radio station this Saturday morning."

Bob Mortimer is on BBC Radio Kent on Saturday, June 14, from 10am to 1pm.

Show you have a heart, support the foundation

THE British Heart Foundation is running a campaign this month to raise £1.5 million to fund life-saving research.

The Help a Heart drive comes after recent figures showed 155 people across Britain die prematurely every day from heart and circulatory disease.

The charity undertakes work into preventing the condition, as well as assisting people who have had operations.

Throughout June house collections are being organised and fundraising buttons will be on sale in charity shops.

Every day 12 babies are born in Britain with congenital heart disease and many need specialist care to survive.

Two-year-old Cordelia Griffin is one child whose life was saved by vital research.

Her mother Maddie, bought up in Margate, said: "When we were told our newborn daughter would have to have major surgery we were devastated."

Devastating

"It was the worst thing in the world that could have happened to us."

"Fortunately she responded well to the treatment and after a worrying few weeks she was able to come home."

"Thanks partly to the BHF, Cordelia has been blessed with a normal, happy childhood."

Julie Martin, from Rochester, had a heart attack five years ago at the age of 34.

She explained why the campaign is so important to people like her.

"After I was released from hospital I had a BHF nurse to help me," she said.

"She took time to come and see me and to explain things, such as the food that was best for me to eat and most appropriate exercises."

"After recovering from a heart attack you look fine on the outside but inside you are still healing and she helped me to cope with that."

"This is why I feel this campaign and the work of the charity is so important."

Water company wants to flood areas of county

PROPOSALS to flood an area of land in order to create a new reservoir serving homes in Kent will be displayed across the county by South East Water during the next two weeks.

The company, which serves 1.97 million customers across the area, says new supplies are essential if the shortages of recent years are not repeated.

A drought existed in the region served by the company – which covers most of Kent – from 2005 to 2007.

So, plans have been put forward by the company to guarantee supplies until 2035. They call for a new reservoir to be built near Canterbury by 2024 and facilities for further reserves in Surrey to be constructed. The area to be developed in Kent is near to Broad Oak, on the Sturry Road out of Canterbury.

Together the reservoirs will supply 77 million litres of water every day – a figure which, combined with other developments such as more exploitation of underground supplies,

will cope with an estimated expanded population increase to 2.3 million.

A roadshow detailing the proposals is set to tour the area and will be on display at the Abode Hotel in Canterbury on June 16. It will move to Park Mall Shopping Centre in Ashford on June 18 and Maidstone Town Hall on June 20.

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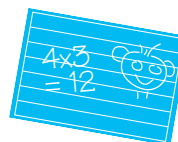
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Year three enjoyed the flavours of India and pupils from year four provided the weekly assembly by performing an African tribal dance and interviewing a visitor from Nairobi.

Year five students had the chance to talk to someone from China and children from year six held an authentic Thanksgiving Dinner, with the help of an American parent.

Heather Miller, head of infant and juniors, said: "Teaching in this way enables children to fully experience a country. It puts geography and history into context and provides a fantastic base upon which to study art, drama and religious education."

"It caters for all learning styles and ensures children have a comprehensive understanding of the wider world."

Parents were also able to come into the school and see what the children had been doing.

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Youngsters cluster to be heard by MP

BY MARIJKE COX

SCHOOL council representatives from around Dover have joined together to launch the Dover District Schools Council.

The scheme, called the Dover Cluster Schools, aims to bring together young people to discuss issues they feel are important in the district.

MP Gwyn Prosser opened the proceedings at the council chambers on Friday, May 30, and pupils had an opportunity to ask him questions about being MP for the town.

Two children from each school attended the event to represent their own school in the scheme.

Hayley Ince, extended schools project officer, said: "By bringing all the representatives together it helps form a cohesion and one voice for the young people of Dover, making real issues a priority for action."

The plan is to invite speakers from the police, youth services and other agencies involved with the community to talk to young people about priorities in the district.

Liz Bird, headteacher at Sibetswold Primary School, said: "It is a wonderful opportunity for children to discuss issues that affect them and their community."

Networking

All of the school councillors will take part in an online link using SuperClubsPlus, a safe, educational social networking website, www.superclubsplus.com.

James Blomfield, ICT coordinator at Capel-Ferne Primary School, said: "SuperClubs



COME TOGETHER: Two youngsters from each school in Dover attended the Dover Cluster Schools scheme

gives the children a chance to discuss council issues amongst themselves in between meetings.

"This will mean they come to the council meetings fully prepared to discuss issues in more depth and without feeling intimidated by adult input."

Thomas Harcourt, a pupil at Priory Fields School, said: "It was very exciting to sit in the council chamber, I felt very important."

The launch proved so successful it is hoped

the Dover Cluster Schools council will contribute to the future voice of Dover's young people.

Ms Ince said: "Every school in the Dover district was involved with two pupils representing their particular school."

"The next meeting is due in July and then it will start again in September. It's going to be an ongoing thing."

The event was sponsored by Kent County Council through Dover Extended Services.

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last year's race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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The fuel price is the classic of them all, with the huge prices at the pumps.

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Saving money is the key, but we and most small businesses have no chance – especially as our costs rise by the day.

Do the decent thing by all, Mr Brown. Give all that 10p back and then use common sense. Drop the VAT to 11 per cent, so everyone benefits – not the few rich bods.

This is a simple solution, while truckers should be granted capped fuel rates – like the bus companies that fail to service millions.

Of all the service providers, truckers must be at number one. To do otherwise is to ignore reality, for without wheeled transport this country would stagnate and its economy freeze.

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Phil Vickery's tip this summer is – make your burgers with British turkey meat.

Barbecue fan Phil, who even travelled to America to brush up his technique, says: "In my view, the leg, or dark meat, makes better burgers, purely because the meat is juicier."

"Turkey breast is also fine, but because skinned breast of turkey can be less than two per cent fat, when it cooks, it may end up a more crumbly texture."

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Try Phil's recipe for juicy turkey, basil and corn burgers and find more great recipes on www.britishturkey.co.uk and check out Weber's range of barbecues and accessories at www.weberbbq.co.uk.

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TALK TIME

NIGEL VAN WASSENHOVEN

The centre manager at Passive Fire Training Centre Ltd tells readers what he likes and dislikes about Dover



Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I'm 29 years old and have lived in Dover all my life. I've worked for the Passive Fire Training Centre for over a year.

What is your favourite thing about Dover?

The castle is a really impressive building and it's great when there's something going on up there. Ideally, I'd like to move to New Zealand, though.

If there was anything you could change about Dover, what would it be?

There's not really enough for young people to do here. A bigger cinema would be useful - it would save me going all the way to Ashford. It would also be good if more big companies could move here as I think the town needs more businesses. There is building going on in Dover, though, like the expansion down at the docks.

What is your favourite thing about being centre manager at the Passive Fire Training Centre?

There's an endless list, really. It's all about teaching awareness and trying to stop fire from spreading, so I guess one of the main things is helping to save lives.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dirt is sending us down the toilet

Would someone from Shepway council care to comment on the state of public toilets at the rear of Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall?

I have rarely seen such disgusting essential public facilities. It was quite obvious they had not been serviced for a considerable time - if ever.

There was no toilet paper or soap, and - unbelievably - no water. And the whole place was filthy. What must foreign visitors think, let alone anyone else?

Whatever happened to supervision? If Shepway council uses the excuse that it's down to costs, then I suggest it gets its priorities in order.

David Kane
Deal

Our town's right to community hospital

Last week the East Kent Health Trust (EKHT) agreed to open the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) daily.

As the Dover representative of the Patient and Public Involvement Forum - Primary Care Trust (PPIF-PCT), this had been a contentious issue between myself and the EKHT since April 2007. There is no doubt the opening of the MIU, along with the promise of £11.5 million to upgrade the Buckland site by the EKHT, came out of two separate pressures:

1. The PPIF-PCT taking the report I had written to Dover Project to KCC's Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (KCC-HOSC).

2. The Dover GP Consortium taking over the Dover Project in July, when it will run Dover's health/hospital services.

With regards to the PPIF-PCT



SMUG AT COUNTY HALL

I imagine county council leader Paul Carter and his Tory colleagues at County Hall must be feeling rather smug.

Having failed to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment on their proposed lorry park at Sellindge, they can now put their proposals into the proverbial layby until after the county council elections in May next year and, perhaps better still, until after the next general election.

They hope no doubt to con the voters of Sellindge and Aldington and farther afield that the threat to build the lorry park is not real and should not concern them when they cast their votes.

I and my party are more than happy to let Cllr Carter wallow in his smugness, but I can assure him the issue won't go away. In Aldington and Sellindge it will be at the top of the campaigning agenda until the threat to impose a juggernaut resting place is removed altogether.

Huff and puff about the lorry park as they may, Cllr Carter and his cohorts know the proposal is hugely unpopular and would risk carnage in their ranks if it was put to the vote.

Far better, therefore, to delay the inevitable while using striking foreign workers as a smoke-screen for their own council's lack of initiative and imagination in solving the problems of lorries stacked on our motorways or parked in our laybys.

Cllr Carter may be able to hoodwink Tory MPs, MEPs and his fellow councillors into believing media coverage for his proposal is favourable, but perhaps he was out playing tiddlywinks when most of the population of Sellindge went on a protest march against the lorry park.

Just how favourable his own colleagues' reaction will be to his proposal he will surely find out in May when the votes are counted at County Hall.

And, like King Canute of old, not even Cllr Carter will be able to stop the tide flowing against him and his ill-founded idea to destroy our green and pleasant land.

Donald Worsley, Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and Saxon Shore

report, I based my arguments on the White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say', and the community hospital and the

services I demanded are ours of right and not a wish list.

The KCC-HOSC agreed with me and the EKHT had to

consider providing a new community hospital in Dover, along with the other options it was considering, including the £11.5m upgrade.

At the KCC-HOSC the EKHT agreed initially to fund a new community hospital for £3m, then accepted it could find £8m - the remainder would have to come from central government. There is a fund there to be tapped.

Alternatively, the GP Consortium could refuse to work with EKHT, preferring instead to build a new community hospital, perhaps in conjunction with the private sector or/and tapping into the same Government funding. There is nothing to stop them.

At 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 18, at the Community Centre, Maison Dieu Road, Dover, I will be speaking to the Castle Forum on 'A Community Hospital for Dover'. I am told all are invited.

Lorraine Sencille
via email

Leaflet spending is inexcusable waste

No doubt by now, everyone in Dover would have received our MP's lavish leaflet telling us of all the wonderful things the Labour Party has done for us.

He trumpets exciting regeneration plans... which incidentally were spearheaded by the Conservative district council.

Maybe we should think about claiming credit for all Labour's work, but after ten years I don't think there'd be much to say!

However, the most significant part of the leaflet is right at the bottom of the back page in the tiniest of print... "funded through the MP's communication allowance". At a time when the Government should be exercising acute financial stringency, it cannot be right that taxpayers' money is being used in this way.

Cllr Julie Rook (Conservative)
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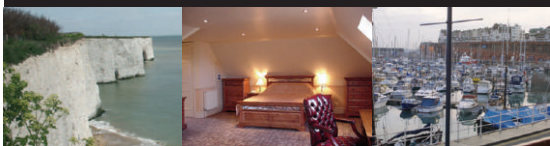
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PLATINUM: Carl and Andy Pemberton almost gave up performing after mounting debts, but X Factor gave them a new chance to succeed in music

Journey South's trek continues

Three years on for those X Factor lads on tour with their third album

JOURNEY South might have appeared to win overnight success on a TV talent show, but the reality was very different.

Brothers Carl and Andy Pemberton, from Middlesbrough, had already been gigging around the pubs of the North East for several years before their big break came along with X Factor.

They powered through to the final of ITV's talent search and won third place in the 2005 series.

Since then they have released two albums and enjoyed a sell-out 41-date national tour, with fans of the show clamouring to see them perform live.

With their good looks and great voices, the brothers have built up a large fan base and were able to have full control over their latest album Home, which was released on their own record label.

But despite their success, the

JOURNEY SOUTH

Friday, June 13
Central Theatre, Chatham



brothers have never forgotten how hard it was to make their mark before X Factor came along.

Determined to pursue a music career, Carl gave up his plumbing apprenticeship three months before he would have qualified and the pair set off to London with a caravan they had bought on a credit card.

The dramatic move inspired the duo's name, but they were soon to discover that the capital's streets were not paved with gold.

After two years of gigging, the pair had run up £20,000 of debt and made little progress in the industry.

"I think we felt like we had given it as much as we could, because we got into a lot of debt between us," Carl said. "We thought, 'when do we pull the plug?' because the amount just kept running up. In the end we just had to quit and it was heartbreaking."

Bearing in mind their previous dis-

appointments, Carl and Andy were cautiously optimistic when they made it through the first round of X Factor's auditions.

They became a favourite with the viewers and judges, winning them over with strong rock anthems and fast development.

They even tamed the fearsome Simon Cowell, who signed them to Sony BMG when the show finished.

Despite losing out to eventual winner Shayne Ward, the brothers had made an impact and their musical career had a new lease of life.

Their first album went platinum and since then they have attracted interest from South Africa, Japan and the Netherlands.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet the boys at the Central Theatre, as they will sign copies of their new CD Home after the show.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16.

To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit the website at www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking.



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Saturday, June 14
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EXPERIENCE the live sound of Led Zeppelin when a top tribute band brings their music back to the stage.

Letz Zep is a critically acclaimed group that even wowed legendary Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant himself. The tribute act was recently invited to perform at the official launch party for Led Zeppelin's Mothership album, perhaps the ultimate confirmation of their talent.

From the classic songs Stairway to Heaven and Rock & Roll, a Letz Zep show covers the full range of music from the iconic rock band.

Led Zeppelin was formed 40 years ago but continues to inspire new generations of musicians. When they reformed to give a one-off concert at London's O2 arena a few months ago, the tickets sold out immediately and critics were full of praise for the band's performance.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50, concessions and group discounts available. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776. For more information go to www.leascliffhall.co.uk.



ME AND MY DOG SHOW

Saturday and Sunday,
June 14-15
Port Lympne Wild Animal Park



DOGS of all shapes and sizes are invited to take part in the Me and My Dog Show at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park this weekend.

Visiting pooches may not be as exotic as the park's African hunting dog, which recently had a litter of six puppies (pictured), but there is plenty of fun on offer for both dogs and their owners.

Dogs can be entered into a variety of fun classes in the show and young owners can take part in the mile-long Waggle Walk.

The show on the Grasslands has been organised in association with Best Behaviour School for Dogs and visitors will be able to ask questions about their dog's behaviour, health and grooming.

Show entry (which is separate to the wild animal park) costs £5 for adults and £3 for children under 14.

Classes cost £1 per dog, the Hunting Dog Safari costs £5 per person and entry to the Waggle Walk is £2 minimum sponsorship per dog. For more details go online at www.totallywild.net or call 01303 264647.



BIG EVENT

Saturday and Sunday,
June 14-15
Palm Bay, Margate



THE sky is the limit this weekend when one of Thanet's biggest extravaganzas gets underway at Palm Bay.

Margate's Big Event is a spectacular free air and land festival, with plenty of action to keep dad happy on Father's Day. There will be flying displays and non-stop entertainment from 10am both days, including some awe-inspiring airborne demonstrations.

Among the highlights will be the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight featuring a Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane. Parachute teams from RAF Falcons and Tigers will be demonstrating their amazing skills and there will also be appearances by Hawk 208 squadron and Tutor, Tucano and Typhoon planes.

There should be plenty to keep visitors entertained on the ground, including a fun fair, children's attractions, walkabout entertainers and thrilling arena acts.

Some of the South East's best music acts



will be appearing on the live stage, including Val Kelly, Freespirit and X Factor finalist Ben Mills.

On Saturday night there will be a free concert celebrating The Magic of Motown, culminating in a spectacular firework display.

For more information go online at www.visitthanet.gov.uk.

DOVER LEISURE

Gurkha band will play for castle visitors

THE Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas will be filling the air with military music at Dover Castle on Sunday.

Formed in 1859 as part of an Indian Army Gurkha regiment called the Sirmoor Rifle Regiment, it soon became part of military life. Musicians are now recruited after basic training and sent to the Royal Military School of Music.

The band will be performing at various times between 11am and 4pm.

Local flavour as guild shows its creative work

ARTWORK by members of the White Cliffs Creatives Guild can be viewed at the Summer Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

The exhibition is running at Crabble Corn Mill in Lower Road, River, until Sunday, June 22 and is open daily from 11am to 5pm. The work, which has a local flavour, will be available for sale and workshops in various artistic techniques are also being run during the exhibition.

Find out more online at www.whitecliffscreativesguild.org.

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Enjoy fine walks and feel fit this Sunday

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FOR YOU TO ENJOY: The Hives and The Cribbs are two of the many great acts confirmed to play at this year's Port Lympne Wild Animal Park's Zoo Thousand festival

Fancy a festival but not the ticket price?

ZOO Thousand organisers are offering free entry, food and drinks to next month's eagerly anticipated three-day music festival.

The offer sounds too-good-to-be-true. And it is. All you have to do to claim your freebies is put in two eight hour shifts behind the festival's bars*.

A spokesman for Peppermint Bars, the firm behind the volunteer deal, said: "There is a common thread between people who attend festivals and those who work at them – we all love being part of it."

"We know it sounds cheesy but apart from striving to deliver the best bar service to the festival, above all, we want you to have a good time doing it."

"In exchange for your hard work – two six to eight hour shifts – we'll get you in free to the fes-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

tival and provide you with a meal and two free drinks from the bar for each shift you complete."

Zoo8 takes place at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Ashford from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6.

Mark Ronson, The Cribbs and The Hives have been confirmed as the main headliners for the festival, taking to the stage after a host of established acts, such as Dizzee Rascal, Ash, British Sea Power, Delays, Athlete and Funeral For A Friend.

Those seeking the next-big-thing have also been catered for, with dozens of promising up-and-comers lined up to perform across six smaller stages. If you are unfamiliar with the works of Kid Harpoon, Underground Heroes, Rosemary, Tom Allalone and Brigadier

Ambrose, now's your chance to be enlightened.

A standard weekend ticket costs £99 for an adult and £50 for children aged between six and 15. Day entry costs £45 for adults and £25 for children.

Of course, entry is free for festival volunteers.

Peppermint Bars' spokesman added: "Our new registration system for 2008 has many improvements, including allowing you full control to request the exact bar and shift times you want to work online, and allowing you to come back and change your shifts any time until just before the festival."

"This means that even if you don't get the exact shifts you want at first, you can check back regularly and if a space opens up you prefer – you can switch at any time."

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*Note to volunteer bar staff – mine's a pint.

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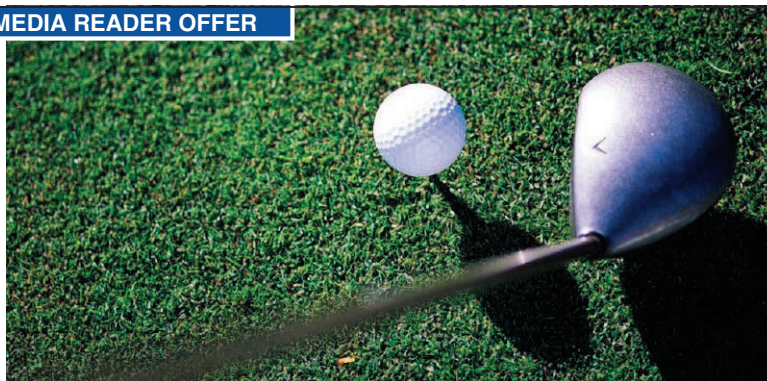
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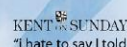
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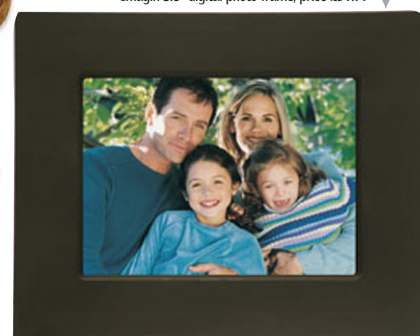


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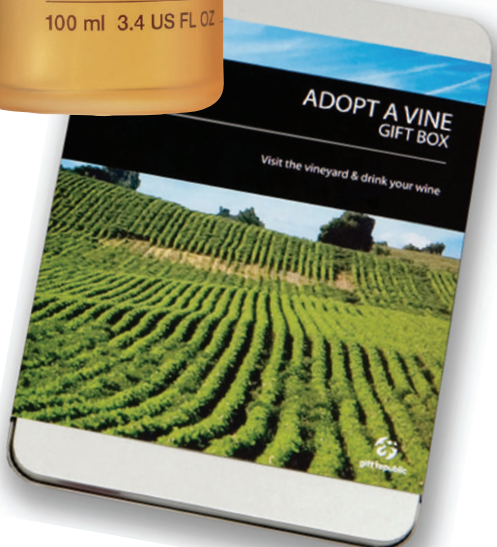
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Cook died last month and her death has sparked a wave of interest in her comical work. The book is £14.99.

Another artist who has also copied his fair share of attention is Jack Vettriano.

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Director Ben's back baby back

BY ROBIN WALKER

BEN Affleck proves even the crash and burn of a high profile Hollywood romance can have a silver lining.

At the height of his tabloid-blazing relationship with Jennifer Lopez four years ago, he started writing a film script of Dennis Lehane's novel *Gone Baby Gone*, a harrowing thriller about the search for a missing four-year-old girl and the people it involves.

Initially he thought of it as a vehicle for Lopez, but instead it has become an acclaimed directing debut for the 35-year-old actor.

In the decade since he won a Best Screenplay Oscar with pal Matt Damon for *Good Will Hunting*, Ben has gone from bright newcomer to blockbuster star to tabloid fodder. It has been a bruising rise and fall that would have sunk a less-talented actor.

But the surprising thing about Ben Affleck, considering his bad choices like *Gigli*, is how articulate and bright he is.

Multi-lingual in Spanish and French, his all-American good looks are matched by genuine depth and he's matter-of-fact about what has happened to his career.

"The first half of the media cycle was fascination, the second half was rejection. But what I never realised is that the public don't end up blaming the magazines that write every insane, untrue story."

He's a different person from his public image, says Ben - who admits to being scared during his first day as director. Prior to *Gone Baby Gone* he'd only directed a student film.

"I'm always described as 'cocksure' or 'with a swagger'. That bears no resemblance to who I feel like inside. I feel plagued by insecurity."

While depicting the tragedy of 1950s television Superman George Reeves in 2006 film *Hollywoodland* went some way to rejuvenating his acting career, *Gone Baby Gone* has really turned heads.

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It stars Ben's brother Casey as dogged private eye Patrick Kenzie, who refuses to give up on looking for the missing child. Set in the gritty world of working-class Boston, it's full of tough miscreants and losers.

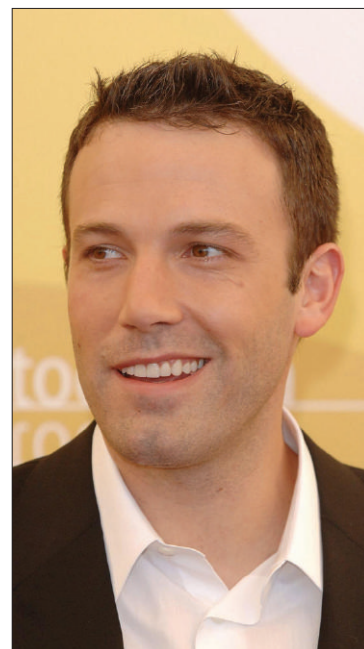
"I felt maybe this was a way to have a sense of authorship about what I was doing without having to stick my face out there," says Ben about sitting in the director's chair.

It's a film that raises all sorts of issues about how we live and treat children, he says. "At first you think the girl is a victim. Then you see the squalor the girl lives in and your heart goes out to her not only where she's been taken to but for where she used to live."

The film has echoes of the press frenzy over the Madeleine McCann case, but Ben cut back on making the media the bad guys in the film.

"I scaled back on that because Lehane really hammers the media in the book. I thought I can't do too much of this because, in a weird way, it was one of the ways my own hand might start to feel visible in the movie."

However, plans to show the film at the London Film Festival last October were put on



STILL HERE: Despite a career littered with highs and lows, Ben Affleck is still proving he's got what it takes

hold by Disney because of the ongoing McCann case.

"We just thought it was better to err on the side of discretion," says Ben. "I'm proud to be associated with a company that made a decision I thought was respectful."

Ben will return to acting in the romance comedy *He's Just Not That Into You* with Jennifer Aniston and Scarlett Johansson, due for release later this year.

He counts himself very lucky in a business where many people fall by the wayside. He may have taken a hefty pay cut in Hollywood terms from his \$12-million-plus-per-film heyday, but he is still paid a lot of money doing what he loves.

"I have really very little to feel sorry for myself about. People have legitimate hardships, so it's kind of petty for me to sit around ruminating about little dents in what has been a very fortunate life so far."

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A horse by any other name

BY ED HILL

WHEN I was asked to take a gastronomic tour of Flanders the history of the suffering of the soldiers involved in World War One sat uncomfortably with the thought of stuffing my face with the region's best food and drink, but in many ways the region is an example of the very best and worst of human civilisation.

Firstly, I should say the area is an ideal destination for someone in Kent to make a weekend break, although there is plenty to justify a longer stay.

We travelled with Norfolkline which runs ferries from Dover to Dunkerque. Ypres is less than an hour's drive from the port and makes the ideal centre from which to travel around the region.

On the way to the city we stopped to sample one of Belgium's most famous exports – beer. We began at the De Dolle Brewers (or Mad Brewer's) company in Esen.

This company was started in 1980 by two brothers, Chris and Jo Hoteller, and produces some of the region's most distinctive bottle fermented beers. Gert, the brother's 90-year-old mother, and our guide, swears by the beers medicinal properties and judging by the speed she climbed the stairs it was hard to disagree.



GOURMET: The central square of Ypres has plenty of lively cafe-bars

We then travelled to Westvleteren to sample beer brewed by the Trappist monks at Sixtus Abbey; named by one US website as being the best in the world.

In Ypres we stayed close to the centre at the Ambrosia Hotel. The town retains its mediaeval character including the impressive Cloth Hall which houses the In Flanders Fields museum. The lively town square provides a relaxed atmosphere in which to eat and drink.

The In De Zon restaurant specialises in serving some of the region's most well-known dishes.

es. I chose to eat paardenvlees (horse).

Most people in the UK may object to eating My Little Pony but to be honest I have never got on with the things, so the opportunity of eating one seemed too good to miss. In fact, unless I had been told it was equine in origin I would have assumed it was just a tender cut of beef.

We spent the next day exploring the region's bloody World War One history. Until September the In Flanders Fields Museum is holding an excellent exhibition about the many peoples and cultures from outside Europe which were involved in the war.

The countryside is dotted with cemeteries with war dead from the conflict. We visited the largest Commonwealth cemetery Tyne Cot which contains the remains of more than 11,000 men and lists the names of more than 35,000 men missing in action on its walls.

In the evening we observed the Last Post which is held at the city's Menin Gate everyday at 8pm.

We then went to dine at the Regina restaurant off the town square where we were served an excellent pigeon dish. Just to say I had not set out to eat unusual animals during my visit, that is just how it turned out.

I wondered if the next day's menu might contain weasel. In fact I was served rabbit, veal and chicken in a clear aspic jelly at the Gasthof De Kring restaurant in Poperinge.

Flanders is a region of stark contrasts. It may seem it is dominated by the history of World War One, but it has much to offer the visitor.

FACT FILE: BELGIUM

Time difference	UK + 1 hour
Capital	Brussels
Population	10.5 million
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Temperate
Language	French/Dutch/German

Holiday details

Ed Hill travelled to Belgium with Norfolkline on its Dover to Dunkerque route. The company has recently introduced three new ferries on the route. Prices start at £19 for a one-way trip for a car and up to four passengers. Visit www.norfolkline.com for more information. Other cross-Channel operators include SeaFrance and P&O. Accommodation is varied. A night's stay at the new Ambrosia Hotel close to the city centre in Ypres, costs from about 54 euros for a single, or 69 euros for a double or twin.

The In Flanders Fields Museum's Man Culture War exhibition mentioned in the article runs until September 7. Opening hours are 10am to 6pm. Adult entry is eight euros for both the exhibition and museum or five euros just for the exhibition.



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BY TOM BETTS

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No matter what your view of this reality TV heavyweight is, you have to say that double B has done well to reach this, its ninth series proper.

The show's longevity is undoubtedly its real feat.

All the more remarkable considering the Shilpa Shetty racism row, the police entering the house to split up a fight and one participant (Bonnie) who couldn't even pronounce her own name – the real low point, perhaps.

Worst of all, we even had the non-event that was the Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack (did anyone actually watch after the first night?), yet still it lives.

This is TV's equivalent to the movie villain who won't die, no matter if he has been stabbed, shot, thrown off a skyscraper or subjected to a whole series of My Family.

Nor does a show divide the country in this way and for such a sustained period of time.

On the one hand you have those who hate it and everything it stands for (but who often watch anyway) and on the other hand the hordes who become a little obsessed and tune in every night requiring their fix of madness.

All fine enough, although if you find yourself actually voting then you need to start asking yourself a few serious questions.

The simple fact is that every year millions of us lap it up.

And what better way for Channel 4 to further split the country into two



HOUSE OF HORRORS: Davina McCall will be keeping an eye on the Big Brother housemates

warring factions than this year's rum bunch.

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It is 93 days long, bound to be the talk of workplaces up and down the land for some months and, one suspects, still to be with us for many years yet.

Of course the cruel irony here is the contestants, every fame-seeking last one of them, will never be more well-known than when they are in the house itself and will likely have a lousy, traumatic journey as producers Endemol have promised to get tough... again.

There was even a fake marriage in week one.

Now, tough is one thing but torture – isn't that illegal?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU finally have a chance to slow down and enjoy an easy life. An influential contact or close friend could prompt you to try a new pastime and it will give you a big buzz. A financial setback could occur. Have faith that your cash flow will soon recommence.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MONEY could come and go very quickly, but that doesn't bother you a bit. You consider your cash well spent as you buy beautiful things to uplift and inspire you. A friend's erratic behaviour could upset you. It's hard to know whether you should confront them or let sleeping dogs lie.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DOING things for yourself has very little appeal this week. You're ready to do your bit on the behalf of others. Getting involved with a good cause should prove exhilarating. Don't be surprised if you're offered a leadership position. People are drawn to your warmth and generosity.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A PROGRAMME of self-improvement could get rewarding. Although breaking a bad habit won't be easy, you can do it. Contrary to what you might think, people will respect your admission of weakness. They'll offer all the support you need to overcome this obstacle.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

HOUSEHOLD matters take up most of your time this week. If you've been thinking of moving, this would be an excellent time to begin your search for a new place. Take care that erratic habits don't scare anyone off. The more conservative you appear, the better.

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GEMINI (May 23-Jun 22)

YOUR ability to inspire others helps you attract favourable attention. Speaking your mind to an authority figure wins their respect. They can teach you a lot, provided you're willing to rein in your ego. Upheavals at work could cause you to snap at someone you love. Think before you speak.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR drive to succeed is unstoppable. There's never been a better week to seek career opportunities. Although onlookers may not think you're competition, they have no idea how ambitious you really are. Working hard behind the scenes will help you overcome competition.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU could find a kindred spirit in a highly educated person. This friend may prompt you to change career paths or alter your lifestyle. Don't be afraid to make changes for the sake of your own happiness. Meddlers may accuse you of being selfish, but that's because they're jealous.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOUR mind and heart are working hand in hand. Take care not to blurt secrets to a loved one. This person isn't trustworthy with sensitive information. Keep these impulses for yourself. You will get plenty of support to move forward with a plan you've held dear since childhood.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A DESIRE for peace and quiet could prompt you to spend more time at home. An exciting earning opportunity could come your way. Getting caught up in a religious or political cause could undermine your peace of mind. Be careful where you tread.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU yearn to explore greener pastures. Lately, you've been trying to synthesise the lessons you've learned over the past few months. An impassioned friend will urge you to move forward with your plans. Be sure to follow their advice. Avoid discussing controversial topics at work.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

MAKING inroads at work will give you great pleasure. It's within your reach to reform outmoded systems. Fortunately, your colleagues will back your efforts. Once your superiors see how well your efforts work, they'll realise it's pointless to go back to the original ways.

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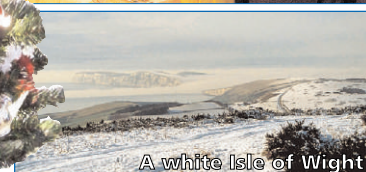
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PROPERTY NEWS

It's time our value reviews went local

THE latest nationwide survey of house prices is far less important than regional studies, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

The group says it paints an incorrect picture as it just gives an average of trends rather than taking into account area variations.

In Kent, prices have proved more resilient in the recent declining market as proximity to London and improving transport links have contributed to a better market.

Association chief executive Peter Bolton said: "The national sales figures do not tell the whole story.

"We know from our members that the picture is still very regional with some areas continuing to do better than others."

He also concluded that in terms of sales and viewing figures, as well as the decreasing gap between asking and final prices, the market was looking at becoming less fluctuating.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has also been examining the figures and experts concluded the property market would begin to stabilise when the number of transactions started to increase.

Buying isn't always your best option

RENTING an upscale rural home is becoming increasingly popular for people who want to live the country life but not fork out masses of cash.

Demand for country lettings is booming, with impressive Loddenden Manor, Staplehurst, a good example of the trend.

Set in 10 acres with eight bedrooms, stables, coach house and pool, it is on the market for £2.25 million. But for £8,000 a week it is available to rent with interest and stamp duty not a factor.

Manor Farm House near Faversham is another property with the same sort of attraction to a letter.

The four-bedroom property with its own three-bed stable cottage, billiard room and gymnasium would be available for rent at £6,000 a month with Savills. But to buy it would cost £1.5 million through Strutt and Parker.

Another factor is that most country homes which are available for letting ensure that major structural repair work is the responsibility of the landlord.



ONE TO LOOK AT

A new development by George Wimpey is pointing the way to a future in homes.

The three-storey show home is packed with design ideas for summer 2008 with fresh whites and rich burgundies the predominating colours.

The contemporary townhouse design features a lounge/dining room with French doors to the rear garden and also includes kitchen, entrance hallway and guest cloakroom.

Upstairs are two bedrooms and bathroom, while the top floor is given over to a master bedroom with walk-in dressing area and en-suite shower facilities.

The home cost is £219,995 and it can be viewed at Repton Park, Ashford.

Drop in prices puts ladder within reach

■ BY NICK AMES

TIMES are tough for first-time buyers in the housing market – yet they could discover help from an unexpected source.

Those unable to come up with enough cash for the deposit on a property could receive assistance from developers.

Incentives from those with homes to sell are becoming more and more common as companies start to realise how much stock they have on their hands – and no one is rushing forward to buy it.

SmartNewHomes.com is a website which analyses properties coming on to the market.

Managing director David Bexon said: "First-time buyers across the country are benefiting from a plethora of developer incentives as house-builders try to sell remaining stock. Now is a great time to drive a hard bargain."

These incentives can include help with

deposits, legal fees and stamp duty, subsidised mortgage payments, cash-back offers or fitted kitchens and carpets included in the sale price.

David Wilson Homes is one company which has adopted a policy of assisting first-time buyers under a scheme called Head Start which has proved successful in recent weeks.

Customers are offered the option of paying 85 per cent of the purchase price of the property with funding from a bank or building society but with no deposit needed to be paid, while the remaining 15 per cent is offered as an interest-free loan by the developer.

The deferred amount is then paid back within 10 years of the purchase, or at the time of resale if this is earlier.

Meanwhile, Linden Homes South East is

offering £750 a month towards mortgage payments for the first 18 months on some of its properties in west Kent.

Other prospective homeowners have taken the decision to sit out for the time being, waiting for prices to fall even further, forcing the sellers to offer more incentives.

Moneyfacts is a financial information service which has been examining that option.

Spokesman Andrew Haggard said: "With current levels of uncertainty and volatility surrounding the mortgage industry and the housing market, maybe it's worth sitting on the sidelines.

"If property prices were to fall 15 per cent in the next 18 months – which is conservative compared with some estimates – then those itching to get their foot on the housing ladder could benefit from a double whammy of very good savings rates – which are currently at a seven-year high – and the falling cost of that elusive first property."

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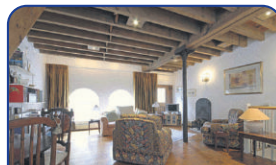


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HYTHER £395,000



Spacious end-of-terrace family house with wealth of original features and unspoilt charm. Peaceful location, backing on to Canal bank, short level walk to town. 6-7 beds, 2-3 recep, csvty, delightful cottage-style rear garden, off-road parking.

FOLKESTONE £695,000



Superb modern detached house in prime west-end cul-de-sac, close to Leas Promenade. 3 recep, large games room/gym, luxury kit/brk rm & utility, 4 beds (one e/s with double Jacuzzi bath), good size gardens, double garage and driveway.

HYTHER £555,000



Characterful 1930s house enjoying far-reaching sea views, short walk to town centre. 4 recep and conservatory, kit/brk rm 4 beds (1 e/s) 2 further bath, dglz, gas CH, garage, block paved driveway and parking, lovely secluded gardens.

HYTHER £239,500



Waterfront property! Delightful 1st floor flat adjacent to the beach, enjoying sea and coastline views. Spacious sitting room with original marble open fireplace and 20' balcony, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, luxury bath, gas CH, uPVC dglz, parking.

HYTHER £465,000



Very spacious detached house with sea and country park views. 4 reception rooms, conservatory, family kitchen/diner, utility, 4 beds, en suite bath, family bath, dglz, gas CH, double gge, space for caravan/boat, large, landscaped rear garden.

DYMCHURCH £229,995



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I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music. Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special. Box 893230

ANOTHER GLASS?
28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'11", slim, attractive, GSOH, love evenings out with wine, seeking similar gent to fall in love with. Box 440218

TAKE ME OUT
Fun, flirty female, nearly 30, petite with dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 895349

NEO?
Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5'12, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265

SHY
Attractive female, 5'3", 30, brown hair/eyes, GSOH, likes countryside, restaurants, tap-dance, clay modelling, seeks charming family man, 37-42. Steve 40, from Maidstone please call again. Box 806385

FUN-LOVING
Attractive female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, lactate, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 308734

TRY NEW THINGS
Mum of 1, I'm 5'14, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'13, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

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SUPER BIKE CHICK
Slim lady, 31, 5'10, shoulder length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people, likes music, pubs, socialising with friends, keeping fit. Box 433131

I'M IN GOOD TIME
Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?
Single Mum, 30, 5'12, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

CUDLY
32yr old woman, 5'10, brown hair, curvy figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439402

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, WLTm someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

I'LL BE SEEING YOU
I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 891777

JAZZ FUSION
Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar for let's see how it goes. Box 901072

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
Single mum of 3, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5'14, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

BLONDE AMBITION
Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cozy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895908

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

MY MATE, MARMITE!
Niki, 44, I'm like marmite you will love or hate me. Cuddly, outgoing, female, looking to be captured with laughter, are you brave enough? Box 894205

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Dad-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all things cricket. Box 430364

GET IN TOUCH...
I'm a 39yr old divorced Mum of 1, enjoy reading/dancing, socialising, family life, seeking kind, caring, fun male for potential LTR. Box 440151

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'10, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

READ ME!!
Lovely single Mum, 38, 5'14, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for LTR and laughter, maybe leading to friendship. Box 372889

MAKE ME LAUGH
Honesty, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304

KIND IN KENT
Sincere female, quiet, friendly and genuine, 39, 5'11, looking for friendship/relationship. Likes cozy nights in, restaurants, going out, martial arts. Kent. Box 901235

GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

MAYBE BABY, MAYBE!
Fun-loving, vivacious lady, 41, one son, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, romantic meals, seeking confident man with GSOH, N/S, for friendship. Kent. Box 995679

MAYBE I'M AMAZED
Young-looking/looking curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746761

DO NOT PASS ME BY
Friendly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/care, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 82441

SANDY SEES DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441001

LET'S EXPLORE!
Hi Chrissie, 46, bubbly, outgoing, 5'10, blue eyes, short blonde hair, divorced, large build, love travel, cinema, eating, seeks easygoing, fun-loving male for relationship! Wincheslea. Box 439580

ENTERTAIN ME
49yrs female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

THE GENT OF LOVE
50 year old male, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 893611

CARING
Professional female, 49, 5'14, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 45-55. Hastings. Box 417100

FUNNY GIRL
Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 35, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

FRIENDS FIRST
Lovely female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

SOMEONE TO SHARE
Sincere, easygoing lady, 59, animal lover, non-smoker, GSOH, enjoys dancing, socialising, travel, days out, WLTm genuine male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Thetford. Box 441011

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE
59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

LADY IN WAITING
Caring, loyal and young-at-heart lady, 65, 5'11, blonde hair, looking for someone nice, friendly, who likes eating out, restaurants, holidays, for company. Box 899242

FRESH AIR
Smart, attractive, bubbly blonde, 71, medium build, N/S, own house, GSOH, lives on coast, enjoys most things, WLTm smart gentleman for friendship, maybe more. Box 438147

Women seeking women
2 OR 3 OF A KIND!
23yr old lively, petite bisexual female, WLTm a bubbly female and/or male for fun, friendship and possibly more. Box 441085

RED OR WHITE?
40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cozy nights in, WLTm gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

GENTLE
Caring, short brown-haired woman, 43, 5'14, loves good food, cinemas, pubs, cozy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and possibly more. Box 440675

SENSUAL HEALING
49 years young female, genuine, 5'12, medium build, blonde, looking to meet sensual, feminine lady, up to 55, with great feel for sensual fun. Box 438851

TAKE A CHANCE
Hi 44, average build & looks, outgoing, socialising, walks on beaches, seeking a lady to give lots of love to. Brighton. Box 440885

MY DAUGHTER MADE ME DO THIS...
Dad of two, widowed, 45, 5'10, blonde hair/blue eyes, genuine, caring, laidback, enjoys socialising, the outdoors, travel, seeking friendship/relationship again, maybe more. Box 441148

TO SHARE MY LIFE
Active male, 44, 6'2", slim/medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 923093

WHY WAIT?
Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single Dad of blue eyes, looking for friendship/relationship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
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Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

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Friendly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home/care, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 82441

SANDY SEES DANNY
Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441001

LET'S EXPLORE!
Hi Chrissie, 46, bubbly, outgoing, 5'10, blue eyes, short blonde hair, divorced, large build, love travel, cinema, eating, seeks easygoing, fun-loving male for relationship! Wincheslea. Box 439580

ENTERTAIN ME
49yrs female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

THE GENT OF LOVE
50 year old male, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 893611

CARING
Professional female, 49, 5'14, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 45-55. Hastings. Box 417100

FUNNY GIRL
Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 35, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

FRIENDS FIRST
Lovely female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

SOMEONE TO SHARE
Sincere, easygoing lady, 59, animal lover, non-smoker, GSOH, enjoys dancing, socialising, travel, days out, WLTm genuine male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Thetford. Box 441011

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59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

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Women seeking women
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40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cozy nights in, WLTm gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

GENTLE
Caring, short brown-haired woman, 43, 5'14, loves good food, cinemas, pubs, cozy nights in, seeking someone special for friendship and possibly more. Box 440675

SENSUAL HEALING
49 years young female, genuine, 5'12, medium build, blonde, looking to meet sensual, feminine lady, up to 55, with great feel for sensual fun. Box 438851

TAKE A CHANCE
Hi 44, average build & looks, outgoing, socialising, walks on beaches, seeking a lady to give lots of love to. Brighton. Box 440885

MY DAUGHTER MADE ME DO THIS...
Dad of two, widowed, 45, 5'10, blonde hair/blue eyes, genuine, caring, laidback, enjoys socialising, the outdoors, travel, seeking friendship/relationship again, maybe more. Box 441148

TO SHARE MY LIFE
Active male, 44, 6'2", slim/medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 923093

WHY WAIT?
Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single Dad of blue eyes, looking for friendship/relationship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782

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Loving female, 36, 5'14, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

BLONDE AMBITION
Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cozy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895908

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

MY MATE, MARMITE!
Niki, 44, I'm like marmite you will love or hate me. Cuddly, outgoing, female, looking to be captured with laughter, are you brave enough? Box 894205

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Dad-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all things cricket. Box 430364

GET IN TOUCH...
I'm a 39yr old divorced Mum of 1, enjoy reading/dancing, socialising, family life, seeking kind, caring, fun male for potential LTR. Box 440151

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'10, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

READ ME!!
Lovely single Mum, 38, 5'14, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTm similar male for LTR and laughter, maybe leading to friendship. Box 372889

MAKE ME LAUGH
Honesty, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304

KIND IN KENT
Sincere female, quiet, friendly and genuine, 39, 5'11, looking for friendship/relationship. Likes cozy nights in, restaurants, going out, martial arts. Kent. Box 901235

GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

MAYBE BABY, MAYBE!
Fun-loving, vivacious lady, 41, one son, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, romantic meals, seeking confident man with GSOH, N/S, for friendship. Kent. Box 995679

MAYBE I'M AMAZED
Young-looking/looking curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746761

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MOTORS NEWS



County group adds Kia to its portfolio

MOTOR group Drake & Fletcher has added fast-growing Kia to its franchises.

The Korean brand joins Mazda and Hyundai on an existing site at Ashford Orbital Park, where Drake & Fletcher also has a separate Honda dealership.

Hyundai and Kia are sister brands, but D&F sees Kia fitting in as the sporting arm of the partnership – the low slung three-door Kia Proceed hatchback was launched this year – and Kia's seven-year warranty on selected models is a unique selling point in the UK.

Drake & Fletcher was founded in 1898 and, four generations on, is still owned and run by members of the founder's family.



New Patriot kit is the height of bling

JEEP has unveiled extra bling available for its attractively-priced junior model line-up, the Patriot.

Credible on and off-road and able to average 42mpg in best-selling 2.0-litre diesel form, the Patriot (from £15,995) can be equipped with a chrome grille, bodykit, sports suspension and 20-inch alloys.

The 'bling' packs start from £999 and owners can also specify an 'SE Lifestyle' interior at £1,199 and bringing leather effect centre armrest cover, four chrome loud speaker rings, chrome gearshift gate, leather gear knob and leather effect toppings.



Commute to work via the Skoda Greenline

SKODA dealers now have the greenest version of the new Fabia supermini in stock.

The 1.4 TDI Fabia Greenline can average around 70mpg and, with CO2 emissions of just 109g/km of CO2, is exempt from the London congestion charge – Kent car commuters take note.

This Czech eco car – £11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate form respectively – achieves this miserly feat through higher gearing, better aerodynamics and weight saved by replacing the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit.



STAR BUY: Despite its celestial name, the Daihatsu Sirion is a down-to-earth supermini with big-car abilities, offering low fuel consumption and a surprisingly spacious interior

Space and star appeal of the Sirion supermini

MAJOR car makers have tried to register every possible model name, forcing others to come up with weird permutations.

So Daihatsu offers a supermini called the Sirion. The name could come from Lord of the Rings or starstruck marketing types allying Sirius with Orion – both probably owned by Ford – in the hope of ascendance on the sales front.

But there is nothing Tolkien-esque or celestial about the Sirion – it is a down-to-earth little car for the real world.

Underpinnings from the more expensive Toyota Yaris are clothed by a superbly practical and age-less five-door body and prices are competitive, from £7,495.

The three-cylinder 1.0-litre I had driven previously is the economy star, if rather sluggish and noisy. It averages around 55mpg and emits 118g/km of CO2, qualifying for just £35 a year road tax.

A far better all-rounder is the four-cylinder 1.3 (from £7,995) tested here; it is more refined

ROAD TEST DAIHATSU SIRION

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

and flexible with decent low down power, yet averages nearly 50mpg even if road tax jumps to the next band (£120/year) due to emissions of 137g/km.

However, this version is claimed to have the world's first self-regenerating catalyst, for a longer life and lower maintenance costs.

There is also a 1.5-litre version, but I question its relevance to what the Sirion is about, for this is a small and economical car with big car abilities – a brilliant all-rounder. It might sound like a Noddy motor, but bulbous wheelarches and a rakish window line give this boxy car some extra presence.

It carries five properly and split rear seats fold flat easily to create a van-like rear section or two other permutations. The rake of the rear rests can also be set to two positions and the car is packed with stowage bins and cubby holes.

Ride quality on a relatively long wheelbase is good and the 1.3-litre can be driven with passion too; the high body rolls a little, but grip is rarely compromised.

Air-con is fitted as standard and mid-spec SE brings alloys and rear parking sensors.



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CONVERTIBLES

SUMMER is here at last and our thoughts turn to convertibles, even if open top cars are regarded more and more as all-year round purchases, partly because of the growing breed of folding hardtop or 'coupe convertible' models that offer better looks and security. This week's mix of used buys covers this new type but also takes a close look at the excellent Mazda MX-5 – the affordable roadster that has done more than any other car to make the UK one of Europe's biggest markets for convertibles – despite the weather.

MAZDA MX-5



NOW into its third generation, the original MX-5 was inspired by classic British Triumph, MG and Lotus sports cars. Given Japanese reliability, it faced criticism over its lack of outright power and is more famous for its beautifully balanced handling. Models hold their value well, although an influx of 'Eunos' used imports from Japan drove down prices for the Lotus-lookalike Mk1 and the latest MkIII offers beefier looks and the most creature comforts, if you can stretch the budget.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL ASTRA



VAUXHALL surprised everybody with the success of the original Astra convertible, followed up with the brilliant Astra TwinTop – the name inspired by the electronic folding metal roof. Both four-seaters look good with the roof up or down and the TwinTop is a particularly good achievement when so many of its coupe convertible rivals look ungainly or 'boot heavy'. As with many 'chopped' hatchback convertibles, there is some body flex on both models, but don't let this break a deal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206CC



MERCEDES pioneered folding metal roof convertibles with the SLK in the 1990s, but Peugeot brought the type to the mass market with the big-selling and plentiful 206CC. Based on the French marque's 206 hatchback and biggest seller, the 206CC even had two seats in the back, although it should never be considered anything more than a 2+2. While relatively affordable, there have also been reliability problems with the temperamental roof mechanism.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people. The organisation provides services from over twenty service bases across Kent, Surrey and the London boroughs, employs approximately 300 paid and unpaid staff and has an annual income exceeding £10.5 million.

REF: 488 - Director of Development and Marketing

Salary from £45,000 (negotiable plus pension and other benefits) Based in Kent or London Preferred 37 hours per week

This new senior post will have a lead responsibility for taking KCA (UK) into the next phase of its service expansion and for promoting the organisation's ethos and achievements. You will be responsible for actively seeking new contracts and establishing new services in line with KCA's strategic development plan and developing links with the range of KCA's external stakeholders, the general public and the media.

You will be able to evidence

- Extensive knowledge of the substance misuse and mental health fields or a related health/social welfare sector
- Experience of inter-agency working at a senior level and of relevant commissioning structures and processes
- Experience of successful large scale contract acquisition, service set up and delivery
- Degree level education together with an appropriate professional/managerial qualification

You will have an ability to work independently and imaginatively as well as contributing and collaborating effectively within a cohesive management structure.

For application forms contact: KCA (UK), 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, www.kca.org.uk.

Closing date: 6th July 2008 Interview date: 22nd July 2008

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Fixed term position for one year, Secondment will be considered

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Ref: ER/08/0086

Closing date: Midday, 16th June 2008.

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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

Closing date: Midday, 12 June 2008.

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£20,736 - £25,320 (SCP 25-31) pay award pending
37 hours per week

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Closing date: 20th June 2008
Interview date: TBC

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For an informal discussion, please contact Tim Edwards on (01622) 605400.

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Kitchen Assistant

required September 2008

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(term time only)

Rate of Pay: £5.91 - £6.27 per hour

Due to the retirement of current postholder, we require a kitchen assistant to commence in September 2008.

The position will include the delivery of school lunches and therefore, lifting and driving will be involved.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Interested applicants please telephone the school for more details and an application form.
Closing date for applications - Thursday 19th June 2008



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Position 1. An experienced person is required to work alongside an existing member of staff looking after a child with Special Educational Needs.

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Hours TBA.

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Please contact the nursery Owner and Manager Mrs Marie Privett for an application form.

Butterflies Nursery School & Caterpillars Baby Unit,

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info@butterfliesnurseryschool.co.uk

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POST: 37.5 HRS PER WEEK

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We are looking for a sensitive, confident and articulate person. The work is mainly office-based. It is a busy and demanding role, with opportunities to develop skills, to be involved in new projects and to champion the role of Carers. Our core work is telephone support, which will include liaising with statutory and non-statutory bodies.

Full driving licence and own transport essential.

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The Manager, Tricia Cole, DDOS,

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Closing date for completed applications:

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Lecturer Cross College Key Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.

Ref: 08/36

Supply NVQ Assessors Early Years (based at Canterbury College)

Various hours available, salary range £17,727 - £25,418 pro rata per annum.

Ref: S/NVQ

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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 23 June 2008 at 12 noon.

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Co-ordinator Theatre Production Arts - Technical and Design Ref: 07/50
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 pro rata per annum.

Co-ordinator Mathematics Ref: 08/61
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum.

Lecturer in Horticulture and Land Based Ref: 08/84
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum. One year fixed term or until 31 August 2009.

Lecturer in Computer Games and Interactive Media Ref: 08/54
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Animal Care & Land Based Ref: 01/144
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum.

Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care Ref: TD13
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum.

Please note the above two posts would be considered as a combined full time post.

Learning Support Independent Living & Leisure Skills Ref: 08/81 & 08/82
2 x 18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum.

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18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum.

Student Activities Assistant Ref: 02/137
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum.

Faculty Administrator Sciences, Humanities and Languages Ref: 06/160
37 hrs per week, 40 weeks term time, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum.

Publications & Design Officer Ref: 08/25
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum.

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We currently have the following opportunities:

Lecturer - Public Services

37 hours per week
Folkestone

Ref: T1325

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The closing date for this post only is 5pm, Monday 30th June 2008.

Tutor - KCC Project (Learning Disabilities)

Variable hours
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Ref: T1326

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Administrator - Health and Care CoVE

18.5 hours per week
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Ref: S2139

Administrator - Construction

37 hours per week
Ashford

Ref: S2140

Administrator - Health and Care KCC Project

37 hours per week
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Ref: S2141

The purpose of these administrative roles is to provide a professional, administrative support service and assist in the smooth running of the relevant department on a day-to-day basis.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies (except Public Services) is 5pm, Wednesday 25th June 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Ref: 00987/K3


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To arrange a visit or to obtain an application pack
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CLOSING DATE: Thursday 26th June 2008
Interviews to be held on Thursday 10th July 2008

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**The deadline for receipt of all completed application forms
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Men better at saving but ISAs undervalued

MEN are putting more cash into savings accounts than women, according to new research from Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Canterbury and Chatham.

The statistics show that 62 per cent of people have at least £1,000 in a savings account and that men were 50 per cent more likely than women to have such an account.

However, the research also highlighted that more than a third of the people with more than £1,000 in savings don't have a tax-free ISA – individual savings account.

This means that there could be around 15 million people in the UK paying more money to the taxman than they should.

Businesses stay strong

MANUFACTURERS and retailers in the South East are being warned to remain vigilant and protect themselves against the credit crunch, despite a fall in the overall number of firms going into administration.

The Forum of Private Business, which has many members in the county, says that according to accountancy firm Deloitte, 282 businesses in London and the South East went into administration in the first quarter of 2008, compared to 288 in the same period of 2007.

Matt Goodman, the forum's policy representative, said: "Deloitte's figures represent how strong and resilient small businesses can be in the face of a tough economic climate."

Medway – focus of day

A RECENT one-day symposium – entitled Medway Lives, Gateway Futures: History, Community and Place – brought together more than 60 academics, policymakers and community group representatives for a series of talks and discussions.

The event was staged at the University of Kent's Medway campus in Chatham Maritime.

Topics under review included the legacy of industrialisation, regeneration and construction work, religion in everyday life and traveller communities.

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It's personal – firms at risk because they don't have insurance

A STAGGERING one third of small enterprises in the South East are putting everything at risk – their business, employees and customers – by operating without any business insurance, according to new research.

If misfortune were to strike up to 25,500 of the region's 725,000 small businesses owners could be risking their homes by operating without insurance because they have personal guarantees against their business.

The nationwide survey of firms employing up to fifty people, carried out by OnePoll for Insurantz.com, uncovered a worrying attitude towards insurance.

In the South East, more than one in ten respondents were unsure whether they were insured and 29 per cent admitted to having little or no idea what their policy covers.

George Derbyshire, chief executive of the National Federation of Enterprise Agencies, said: "I am shocked by the results of this survey. Running a business is all about risk-taking, but we would always advocate a managed and informed approach to risk."

"Sensible entrepreneurs discuss the issues with their advisers in the knowledge that getting this wrong can be disastrous in human, financial and legal terms."

A quarter of small businesses in the South East could also face legal action as they were unaware that temporary workers and sub-contractors must be covered under statutory employers' liability insurance.

Uncovered companies risk heavy fines of up to £2,500 a day by failing to provide cover.

Last year there were more than 105,000 employer's liability personal injury claims.

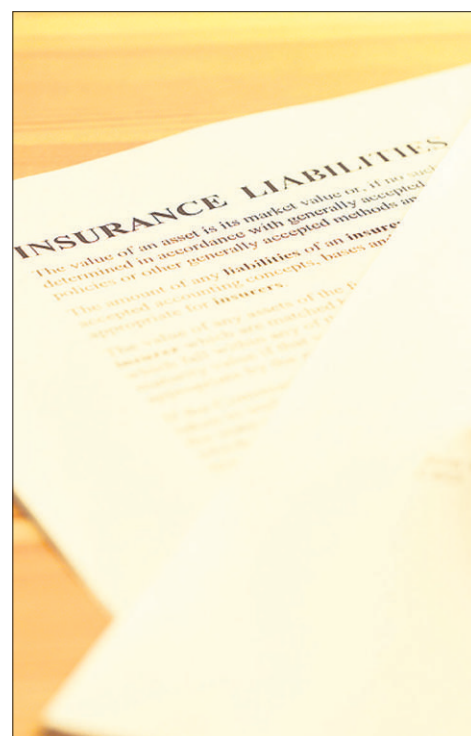
Failure to adequately insure is put down to the restrictive red tape which causes small businesses to spend hours filling in forms.

A third of respondents to the survey said arranging business insurance was too time-consuming and overly complicated, and this has pushed it very low in some people's priorities.

THE LAW: Your employer is responsible for your health and safety while you are at work. If you are injured as a result of an accident at work, or become ill as a result of your work, and if you believe your employer is responsible, you may seek compensation.

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LIABILITY: One third of small firms do not have business insurance

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Hythe stay on top with another win

HYPHE Cricket Club continued to head Kent League Division Two with a five wicket victory against Downham & Bellingham on Saturday.

Three wickets from Ben Dwyer and tight bowling restricted Downham & Bellingham to just 152 after their allotted 50 overs.

The game was won by opening batsmen Jon Smith and Leon Morgan, who put on 86 as Hythe went on to record another victory with only 32 overs played.

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Kent motorsport team Jota Sport prepare for the 24-hour Le Mans event

Sandwich never in the game against high-flying Wells

SANDWICH Town find themselves in the bottom half of the Premier Division after a heavy defeat against high-flying Tunbridge Wells.

A half century from Alex Williams put Tunbridge Wells in the driving seat, as they went on to post a target of 167 for Sandwich to chase.

Surpass

Tunbridge had looked to be on their way to a large total but Town's Leon Johnson struck with a five-wicket haul at the expense of just 43 runs.

His impressive bowling helped restrict Tunbridge to 167, a manageable score for Sandwich to surpass.

However, Sandwich never looked like

CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

beating the target, as their opening four batsmen fell early on for just 56.

The middle order tried to get a foothold in the game, but once again accurate bowling from Quentin Ferreira and Mark Smith denied them from getting a start.

The only batsman in the tail that showed some resistance to the Tunbridge Wells bowling attack, was Robert Gotham who scored 22 before falling to Phillip du Plessis.

Sandwich could only last 34 overs as they were bowled out for a paltry 101, to lose by 66 runs.

This Saturday they take on Bromley.



COLLAPSE: SandwichTown's middle order fell apart against Tunbridge Wells

Kent League Premier Division

Tunbridge Wells CC - 1st XI v Sandwich Town CC - 1st XI

Tunbridge Wells

	Runs
Philip du Plessis ct Snell b Spanton	18
Alex Williams ct Scoggins b Snell	51
Daniel Thirkell ct Wellard b Johnson	22
Quentin Ferreira st Wellard b Johnson	17
Mark Smith b Johnson	5
Brough Cooper ct Wellard b Johnson	23
Richard Cutts ct Spanton b Johnson	19
Will Stickler b Spanton	5
Robert Sharma not out	3
Simon Routh not out	1
Chris Fenwick did not bat	0

Extras (2w 1nb) 3
Total (8 wickets, 55 overs) 167

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	13	3	35	2
Daniel Evans	6	0	24	0
Robert Gotham	6	0	26	0
Craig Snell	15	3	39	1
Leon Johnson	15	3	43	5

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Stuart Smith lbw b Ferreira	2
Kevin Beaumont b Ferreira	11
David Draper lbw b Smith	22
Leon Johnson ct du Plessis b Smith	21
Rhys Jones b Ferreira	0
Steve Wellard run out	0
Dean Scoggins lbw b Ferreira	0
Craig Snell lbw b Smith	0
Robert Gotham ct Ferreira b du Plessis	22
Craig Spanton ct Cutts b Smith	0
Daniel Evans not out	6

Extras (4b 2lb 4w 3nb) 13
Total (all out, 34.4 overs) 101

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Quentin Ferreira	12	4	25	4
Chris Fenwick	7	2	33	0
Mark Smith	12	5	24	4
Phillip du Plessis	24	1	10	1
Daniel Thirkell	1	0	3	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close v Wye

THE LAST wicket partnership of Matt Barlow and Edward Hoyle hit the winning runs for Wye in a hard fought game against Deal Victoria & Barnes Close.

An exciting run chase decided the result in this fixture as the game went down to the last over.

Deal Victoria chose to bat first and posted a target of 139 runs after being bowled out in the 45th over.

With just four overs to spare, Wye secured the victory thanks largely to Kyle McAllister and Stuart Wise who hit 66 between them.

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close

	Runs
Austen Marsh	22
Matthew Carley	2
Sam Kilip	5
Brendan Schiller	0
Robbie Braman	38
Andrew Miller	20
Matthew Hudson	8
Stephen Moran	3
Alex Hinkins	8
Scott McNamara	9
Graham McNamara	3

Extras (4b 7lb 8w) 19
Total (all out, 45 overs) 139

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Edward Hoyle	12	5	17	2
Jordan Reed-Ashton	12	2	23	3
Kyle McAllister	10	1	31	2
Stuart Wise	8	0	40	3
Matt Barlow	3	0	16	0

Wye

	Runs
Kyle McAllister	30
Tom Richardson	7
Daniel Noden	36
Stuart Wise	20
Nick Eve	1
Jordan Reed-Ashton	3
Brian Hamley	1
Richard Elgar	6
Edward Hoyle	1
Ben Houston	1
Matt Barlow	1

Extras (5b 2lb 5w) 12
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs) 140

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	6	1	21	0
Scott McNamara	11	1	37	6
Sam Kilip	4	0	15	0
Graham McNamara	12	3	27	1
Brendan Schiller	4	0	11	1
Stephen Moran	9	2	21	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Yalding 1st XI

THE TOWE brothers proved to be the downfall of Yalding, as they helped Betteshanger Colliery Welfare win by 89 runs at the weekend.

Joffy and Derek Towe put on a sixth-wicket stand of 102 runs on their way to setting a total of 164 for Yalding to chase.

Once the Yalding openers of Peter Bowles and James Dugmore were dismissed for just 23 and 14 respectively, defeat was inevitable. Just 38 runs were added to their total by the remaining batsmen, meaning Yalding fell well short of the required rate.

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe	0
Liam Collins	0
Martin Cheesman	8
Chris Carton	14
Paul Mortimer	12
Joffy Towe	62
Derek Towe	50
Darren Fletcher	11
Steve McNicholas	0
Steven King	0
Barry Clark	0

Extras (3lb 3w 1nb) 7
Total (6 wickets, 38 overs) 164

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Marcos Aimey	10	2	16	2
Graham Mailey	10	2	29	2
Parminder Heer	4	1	18	0
Harsh Tataria	3	0	24	1
Davinder Aujla	6	0	40	1
James Dugmore	5	0	34	0

Yalding

	Runs
Peter Bowles	23
James Dugmore	14
Callum O'Brien	1
Marcos Aimey	4
Harsh Tataria	6
Ramanjit Bajwa	3
Satwinder Aujla	7
Shumshair Haider	6
Davinder Aujla	3
Graham Mailey	0
Parminder Heer	0

Extras (4b 2lb 1w 1nb) 8
Total (all out, 35.4 overs) 75

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Paul Mortimer	10	3	16	0
Steven King	10	1	29	2
Clive Towe	7	4	10	1
Liam Collins	74	1	13	5
Darren Fletcher	1	0	1	1

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Tenterden v Sibton Park

TIMIR Chanda's impressive performance with both bat and ball proved to be Sibton Park's downfall as Tenterden secured their first win of the season.

Chanda went on to score an unbeaten 64 as Tenterden chased down a target of 154 set by Sibton Park.

Sibton's Steve Hickmott and Christopher Spring each scored half centuries to get the visitors off to a flying start. However, once Spring and Hickmott were dismissed by Chanda, the innings began to break up. Just 12 more runs were put on for the remaining seven wickets and it took Tenterden 47 overs to condemn Sibton to defeat.

Sibton Park

	Runs
Steve Hickmott	53
Andy Allon	17
Christopher Spring	51
George Leadbetter	0
Ben Allon	1
Steve Hobbs	0
Martin Wren	7
Bryan Washer	0
Tim Smith	3
Sam Newman	1
Trevor Lewis	0

Extras (4b 6lb 6w 5nb) 21
Total (all out, 47.1 overs) 154

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Neil Crowley	7	0	27	0
Ben Daking	9	1	37	1
Alistair Neale	8	1	24	0
Mark Baker	7	0	29	0
Timir Chanda	12	2	22	6
Tim Curteis	4.1	3	5	3

Tenterden

	Runs
Tim Curteis	22
Nick Hall	32
Paul Brann	0
Andrew Crawford	0
Timir Chanda	64
Ben Daking	0
Daniel McDonald	0
Alistair Neale	0
Ben Price	0
Mark Baker	0
Neil Crowley	0

Extras (5b 2lb 6w 1nb) 14
Total (3 wickets, 47 overs) 158

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sam Newman	8	1	38	0
Trevor Lewis	8	2	31	0
Christopher Spring	11	5	23	2
Andy Allon	12	5	35	1
Ben Allon	8	0	24	0

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Bickley Park 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

AN UNBEATEN 89 from James Lincoln helped Bickley Park secure a victory over neighbours Folkestone.

Bickley managed to set a total of 203 in their allotted 50 overs with Lincoln top scoring, which Folkestone fell short of by more than 100 runs.

Folkestone's opening batsmen were unable to settle into the run chase and could only put on 12 in reply before Himanshu Waingankar delivered 56 to keep them in the game.

However, Barry Hooper's sharp bowling halted Folkestone's progress, taking four wickets as Bickley bowled them out for just 101 in the 42nd over.

Bickley Park

	Runs
Richard Clinton	18
Paul Clinton	20
James Lincoln	89
Chris Coulson	2
Peter Clinton	46
Phil Browning	8
James Soulsby	0
Alex Coulson	0
Barry Hooper	0
Marc Brown	0
Richard Horner	0

Extras (2b 5lb 8w 5nb) 20
Total (4 wickets, 50 overs) 203

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andy Bray	10	3	32	0
Sher Khanagha	7	1	36	1
John Champion	15	3	60	2
Mickel James	7	1	14	1
Luke Samarasinghe	8	1	35	0
Himanshu Waingankar	3	0	19	0

Folkestone

	Runs
Daniel Clark	2
Luke Samarasinghe	0
Luke Sage	10
Himanshu Waingankar	56
Sher Khanagha	3
Laurence Ward	0
Thomas Cullen	8
Andy Bray	1
Phil Browning	15
Stewart Graham	0
Michael James	0

Extras (1b 2lb 2w 3nb) 8
Total (all out, 42 overs) 101

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Barry Hooper	15	5	23	4
Richard Horner	9	2	23	3
Phil Browning	9	1	25	0
Richard Clinton	6	0	19	2
James Soulsby	3	0	8	1

Sam plays like the boss, Moore or Hess

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic's new signing, Sam Moore is relishing the chance to prove himself in the Ryman Premier League and help push the club back into the Conference.

Whites boss Andy Hessenthaler captured the 20-year-old midfielder from Stevenage Borough on a two-year deal last week.

Moore, who grew up in Deal, began his football career in the youth ranks at Chelsea before moving to Ipswich.

After being released from the Championship club in January, he joined Stevenage Borough on a free transfer. Last season he made 24 appearances for League Two Brentford while on loan from Ipswich.

Despite moving down two divisions to the Ryman Premier League, the highly-rated midfielder was easily sold by the ambitions of Dover Athletic.

Moore told Yourdover: "As soon as I spoke to the chairman and the manager I wanted to join. I think the Ryman Premier will be a good standard of football even though I have played in the Football League."

"Some people say that the quality is not great but many teams in higher divisions have plucked young players from this league. I am looking forward to playing under Andy and Darren [Hare] and pushing the club up towards their target of reaching the Conference."



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

INSPIRED: New signing Sam Moore hopes to follow in the footsteps of Whites boss Andy Hessenthaler (pictured)

The midfielder has been compared to his new manager Hessenthaler in his playing style and is eager to get the new season under way to impress the former Gillingham great.

He added: "Being compared to Hessenthaler is a great compliment and I hope to emulate

the style in which he plays. I will be giving 100 per cent and be wearing my heart on my sleeve.

"I hope I can make box-to-box runs and chip in with a few goals as well. I just cannot wait for the season to start."

Cugley hoping to keep Bremner at Buzzlines

FOOTBALL

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley believes he needs at least another goalkeeper and a forward to add to his squad ahead of the new season.

Young goalkeeper Luke Stonebridge and striker Leigh Bremner are still yet to sign contract extensions at the Buzzlines Stadium.

Cugley said: "I still want a couple of players even though I have brought in seven new faces."

"The same numbers of players have left the club, so I feel I need a few more."

"I am looking for a new goalkeeper as Luke Stonebridge has not decided whether he will be available for next season."

"Another forward is also on my list as Bremner has not signed a new deal yet. I think there has been some interest in him from other clubs."

Cugley is looking forward to getting his pre-season games underway with a number of new players coming into his team.

He hopes his new signings will impress him as he battles to work out his strongest eleven.

He added: "I am really looking



Picture: LAWRENCE ARNOLD

UNDECIDED: Striker Leigh Bremner is still yet to sign a new deal

forward to getting the pre-season friendlies underway as we have so many new players.

"It will also give me a chance to see how I want my team to play, which is quite exciting for a manager."

The first pre-season friendly will see Invicta take on Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic on July 15.

New coach Scott Lindsey has also clinched his UEFA B coaching licence making him the most qualified coach at the club.

Stupples major hopes hit by clutch of bogeys

GOLF

KAREN Stupples was unable to continue her good form in the second major of the year on the Ladies PGA Tour, as she finished 13 shots off the pace in the McDonalds LPGA Championship.

The event has not been a favourite of the Deal golfer, who has only finished in the top ten once in six starts, when she tied for ninth-place in 2002.

However, Stupples has been in impressive form on the Ladies PGA Tour this season, carding five top-15 finishes in her last six events. However, a four-over par third round wiped out any chance of finishing inside the top 15 for the sixth consecutive tournament.

She made a solid start, carding two opening rounds of 71 to see her comfortably inside the cut.

However, the third round proved costly as Stupples hit three bogeys and two double bogeys on consecutive holes.

Three birdies lessened the blow, but a four-over par round of 76 saw her plummet down the leaderboard and out of contention.

The final round was an improvement but once again a double bogey cost Stupples places.



Picture: ADY KERRY

OVER PAR: Karen Stupples missed out on a sixth top-15 finish in a row

An even-par round of 72 was good enough for her to finish one over par for the tournament and tied for 58th.

Yani Tseng was the eventual winner after a tense play-off against Maria Hjorth.

Tseng claimed the coveted LPGA Championship trophy and a cheque for \$300,000.



Picture: IAN KUPRO

UNBEATEN: Neil Dexter hit 101 against Somerset

CRICKET

Impressive ton-up Dexter keeps cool

KENT Spitfires are through to the semi-final of the Friends Provident Trophy where they will play holders Durham Dynamos after holding their nerve in a tense 37-run win over Somerset Sabres.

Rob Key's side were indebted to 23-year-old Neil Dexter's unbeaten 101 and some excellent bowling at the death from Pakistani all-rounders Yasir Arafat and Azhar Mahmood.

Key, who hit a fluent 73 for the Spitfires in a stand of 104 with Dexter, was delighted with the young batsman's attitude despite suffering a slow start after coming in at the last minute for Martin van Jaarsveld.

He said: "In one-day cricket there's nothing worse than not having the scoreboard ticking over. He found it hard to get going and that's the time when a lot of players would panic and throw their wicket away."

"The impressive thing about his innings was he managed to put it to the back of his mind and accelerate. To get 100 at almost a run-a-ball after his start is some achievement."

The Kent skipper is now looking forward to an entertaining clash at Durham's Riverside Ground on either July 4 or 5.

He said: "They are a decent side and the defending champions, but we won the Twenty20 last year and we seem to play our at best in the knock-out stages."

"Winning some silverware gives us that extra bit of confidence but it all depends what happens on the day and it will be a pretty tough fixture."

While the Spitfires are gearing up for the semi-final, they have been preparing for the defence of their Twenty20 crown which starts with a game against old adversaries Sussex at the St Lawrence Ground.

With the announcement that the winner of this year's competition will be entered into the inaugural Champions League, the Spitfires will be looking to make it to finals day again at the Rose Bowl on July 26.

Play starts at 5.40pm. For updates visit www.yourdover.co.uk.

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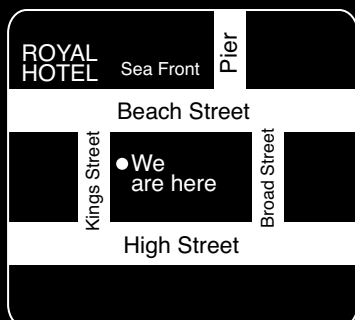
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